# A.Y.F. INTERNAL DISCUSSION BULLETIN

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A.Y.F.'ER ON WAY TO DAYTON GATHERING
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Hello and welcome to the first AYF Internal Discussion Bulletin. This Bulletin is a result of several international meetings, lots of weeks of strenuous work on my & others parts and the need to commit ourselves (aka NYAYF) to yet another tedious project, so we hope you like it. But before we give ourselves praise, here's the lowdown on what you now hold before you.

It was decided in Minneapolis, at the LOVE & RAGE conference AYF mini-gathering that the AYF page would no longer be run in PROFANE EXISTENCE (due to space constraints), but instead would be shifted over to LOVE & RAGE. Furthermore, the page would be produced by NYAYF. To help make the page more democratic, a body of representatives would be set up, and they would help with decisions, updates on news, contributions and all the other stuff that goes into producing a monthly page. Unfortunately, this group has not yet been formed, due to people not having their shit together. Hopefully, it will come together real soon, as the network is expanding hyper-fast, and we're having a hell of a time keeping up with what's going on.

In any case, it was decided that in order to make the page the best it could be, some kind of Internal Bulletin would be created, and the stuff for the page would be pulled from there (at least, that's our understanding). This followed a call by several local chapters (WCFF, AAN & NYAYF) to create such a bulletin so we could discuss matters of internal importance, and develop our political analysis. Several groups have volunteered for this task, but I'd like to say that it's easier for us in NYC to produce it for a few reasons. The first is that we're already producing the AYF page, so its not much trouble to put a bit of extra work into a bulletin (& it helps us find content for the page). The second, NYC has a large anarchist community, and has LOVE & RAGE, so information about what's going on all over the world we hear about right when it happens. Third, we have computers, copy capabilities and a group large enough to support regular production of a bulletin. And finally, we see it as important to the network and are eager to get it out. If the AYF decides at a future meeting to move production to another location, we'll be happy to give up the responsibility, but for now it makes strategic sense in my eyes to let NYAYF produce it.

Okay, because the AYF meeting never happened at Youth Lib., quite a few of the dynamics of this bulletin are being set by us (like size, different sections, frequency, etc.). This definitely needs to be hammered out soon. Until then, we'd like to make this bulletin Bi-Monthly, with the next bulletin coming out on the last week of the second month (ie the March-April Bulletin will come out in late February). As far as size, we'll leave that up to how much content there is (but we're going to try to keep empty space at a minimum to keep copying & mailing costs down). And in this issue, outlined are a few suggested sections (they are ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, PROPOSALS, LOCAL REPORTS, AFFILIATE LIST and PUBLICATIONS). If you have suggestions for more, please send them. And it'd be great to see a letters page develop as well. (Oh, a lot of inspiration for this Bulletin is coming from the LOVE & RAGE DISCUSSION BULLETIN, which has definitely helped that network grow and thrive).

Other stuff to mention. In addition to the Bulletin, there are some supplements as well. A few are mentioned within (like stuff which was handed out at gatherings, etc.). But please take special notice of the 5 NYAYF fliers enclosed (What is @?, Class Struggle @, @-Feminism, What is AYF, & an Affiliate list (a bit outdated). They're part of the mass mailing we've been promising for months. It's finally completed, so tell us what you think about them and feel free to reproduce and distribute for your local. Also enclosed is the new LIFE'S A RIOT! distribution catalogue. The distro. features quite a few AYF fliers, and other organizing materials beneficial to local groups, so if you're starving for propaganda, order some stuff. (And some adverts are enclosed, if folks could please reproduce and pass them out, or find sympathetic fanzines who will run them).

The anti-Columbus flier was produced by New York anarchist group AAA (Autonomous Anarchist Action) It's pretty right on, so feel free to give it out in your area.

Now that the logistics are out of the way, I'd (Dan) like to take this time to gripe about something which has been concerning me (these views are not necessarily those of others in NYAYF). It's building an AYF focus. If we are going to get anywhere, people are going to have to develop their theory a bit more, to supplement their action. If we do not devise coherent, realistic solutions to the world's problems, it won't matter how much we "Fuck Shit Up" or throw bricks through windows. Nothing will change. We need to start finding a real direction with this movement, and thinking strategically. What actions will reach the most people, and cause the most damage to the system? I urge everyone to read more, and think deeply, as freeing your mind is as much a part of revolution as guns & street fighting are.

Further, after people develop their anarchist analysis, they should evaluate their actions. As Orville Redenbocker says, "Do one thing, and do it better than anybody". Are the projects you are involved in really what is needed? Do we need another record distribution (when most people outside of punk don't even like the music, so the ideas will never reach their head)? How much will a new patch or T-shirt threaten the system? Will homebrewing serve to bring down the politicians, or do you do it because it's fun and easy?

I constantly get letters from people saying "I'm involved in blah, blah, blah and a million other things". And usually what ends up happening is a half-assed attempt at each one of those projects with the end result of none of them coming to fruition. That's how people get a rep as being unreliable. Again, at this point we should be building a movement and getting new people involved so they can take on the burden of projects, and we can put our all into that which is strategically important. I'm probably going to get a lot of flak for this, but all I can say is THINK ABOUT IT. Does what I'm saying apply to you?

The anarchist phoneline we were running has been shut down as our mainframe computer collapsed and we haven't got $500. to replace it. We will when we can. Also, anyone know of a cool printer who will reproduce stickers cheap? If so, write! We're into doing another batch of stickers (the first ones sold out), but we our old printer can't do anymore.

Finally, there's money. All costs for this bulletin are coming out of my pocket, and I really can't afford it. If people want to continue to receive this, I ask that they please send me $5. + a few stamps. This will get you 6 issues of the bulletin mailed to you first class. That sounds reasonable to me, is it okay with you? If not, write and we'll negotiate.

Well, let's have some feedback! Til next time,

Build Resistance,

D@n for NYAYF

THIS BULLETIN CARES IF OUR POLITICS OFFEND YOU. THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO DEVELOP A PRACTICAL ANARCHIST ANALYSIS FOR TOTAL REVOLUTION IS IF WE REPLY TO QUESTIONS AND CRITICISMS WITH REAL SOLUTIONS, NOT SLOGANS AND NAME CALLING. REVOLUTION IS A PROCESS OF GROWTH, AND NO ONE IS PERFECT OR KNOWS IT ALL. IF SOMETHING HEREIN BOTHERS YOU, WRITE A LETTER/ARTICLE/ETC. IN RESPONSE. WE WON'T TELL YOU TO FUCK OFF. THE AYF SHOULD BE BUILT ON COMMUNICATION, NOT SELF RIGHTEOUS, CLOSE MINDED ATTITUDES THAT ARE ABOVE FURTHER EVALUATION.

## BIG THINGS COME IN MINNE-PACKAGES:A REPORT ON THE MINNEAPOLIS LOVE & RAGE CONFERENCE AND THE AYF MINI-GATHERING

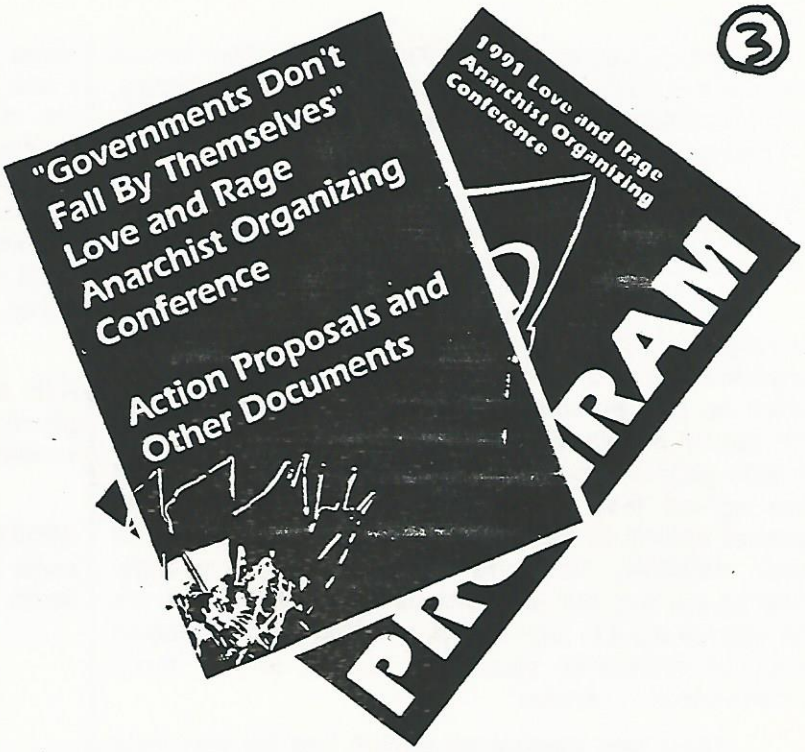
By Dan/NYAYF

For those of you not already aware, LOVE & RAGE (the Revolutionary Anarchist Newsmonthly) held an anarchist organizing conference in Minneapolis June 28-July 1st. It was dubbed "Governments Don't Fall By Themselves", and the focus was on improving/continuing the LOVE & RAGE paper, as well as the network of groups/supporters that have built up around the project. In April, NY-AYF put out a general proposal that AYF groups meet in Minneapolis for a mini-gathering to plan strategies for the future, but mostly to push the case for a monthly AYF page in LOVE & RAGE, and the tightening of involvement of AYF groups in the LOVE & RAGE network. (See separate article in proposals section. Also, the first AYF mini-gathering was held in Baltimore on January 27th). The proposal was circulated in the 2nd internal mailing NY-AYF put out in April-May, and we got a generally good response to the idea.

The conference went very well, with over 100 people in attendance (Organizers estimate that about 125 showed total). Of this, about 40-45 were AYFers. Very impressive (and unexpected), this shows that there is a general interest amongst the Federation in the project.

DAY 1:The first day there was a general agenda planning meeting, which most people showed up at. It was fairly boring, but none the less essential. Some arguments over whether or not a political statement was wanted/needed were brought up and quite a bit of slagging went on between rival factions. This was also the first of many examples of "ageism" when one AYFer against the political statement was told to "shut up and sit down" by an older @. My main concern was to get a time for the AYF mini-gathering reserved on the agenda. Example of ageism:Act II. Despite calling months ahead of time on 3 or 4 occasions, and bringing it up at the agenda planning session, we were given the run around. People tried to stick us at times when other important workshops were listed, in places that would hardly suit our numbers. We left the meeting with no definite time or place.

After lunch, there were workshops held on




various topics. Some included Eastern Europe, Political Prisoners, Palestine, Latin American lib., Native American Sovereignty, Queer lib. Organizing a local Anarchist collective and Eco-Anarchism (this list isn't completely accurate. Workshops were shifted around the whole time, so I'm not sure if everything on). Overall, the ones I went to were not very organized, but a lot of useful information was discussed, and a few new contacts forged. It's a shame I couldn't have made all the workshops, as every issue is very important, but time constraints made that impossible.

Then dinner. I'd like to say right now that everyone should give consideration to those folks who provide the food at anarcho-events. It doesn't come out of nowhere, The people who made the meals at this event (their names slip my mind) did an incredible job, and got little credit for it. This is fucking depressing, considering we're supposed to be against slavery. In the future try to remember to say "Thank You!" to those who do the food at events. It makes a big difference!

Clean up was also kind of horrendous. People left their trays on tables, dishes unwashed, etc. If you eat, clean up after yourself. It may seem like a minor point, but as one of the people who cleaned dishes at the conference several times, It's fucking major! It's a lot of inglorious work that could be eliminated if folks did stuff collectively.

After dinner, there were a few more workshops held. Listed were Wimmin's Lib., Anti-Racism, Gulf-war organizing lessons and Youth Lib! Most of the young people, if not all, showed up at this one which was facilitated by yours truly. The workshop centered around the ageism that had occurred that day, and then went on to school and resistance ideas, parents, debate over what a "youth" was, and much more. It was very cool and empowering, and the general feeling was good (I think). The notes on school and resistance will be transcribed into an article for the AYF page in the future.

**Still Available from NY-AYF (Each for $.50 & SASE):**

AYF Internal Mailing #1:Contains minutes from Baltimore mini-gathering + AYF anti-Gulf War flier

AYF Internal Mailing #2:Contains updates from NY-AYF, info. on demise of Mid-South AYF, AYF graphics, poster

AYF Pages #1-4:Copies of first 4 pages which appeared in LOVE & RAGE

That night we partied hearty at Felix's house (Minneapolis AYF). A big thank you goes out to him for his hospitality, and for putting us up. And to the beer bong for ensuring we had a great time.

DAY II:Recovering from hangovers, we made our way to the conference. This day consisted of some discussion of Racism and a caucus by People of Color.

Then there was a meeting to talk about dynamics of the project. Stuff on money, facilitator and all the boring aspects of running a paper. But a development occurred which no one expected. As the meeting proceeded, all the young people walked out. It wasn't planned, but outside people discussed the reason why we'd all left. It was agreed that people were somewhat sick of the general ageism at the conference (ie being cut off, not taken seriously, etc.) and we wanted it to change. Walking out was our unconscious way of doing this. It's the way we did it in high school, at home, etc. Sad that an anarchist conference should be lumped in with those not-so-welcoming places.

There was general agreement that the way we'd change this hierarchy was by getting a whole bunch of youth on the coordinating group (a group of 10 people elected to make minor decisions which come up upon production of the paper like whether or not to run controversial articles, etc.), by confronting the larger group and making demands. Others chose to take more radical measures, and the Goof Liberation Front (GLF) was formed. Throughout the weekend, the GLF pulled off a ton of incredible shenanigans like re-arranging furniture, stealing funny stuff, wearing masks, issuing communiques, etc. For more coverage of this stuff, check out LOVE & AGE/THE CATCH listed in the literature section.

Then there were regional meetings. Mid-west, Canada, Northeastern US, West, & South. I spent the whole time trying to find the Northeastern meeting, but ended up playing with the little kids.

Which brings me to another point. There was quite a few times where childcare was brought up, and how shitty the quality/planning was. I don't, however, feel this can be blamed upon the organizers, who did their best. Basically, a lot of folks are prepared to point fingers, but when it comes down to it someone has got to volunteer to do the dirty work and take care of the kids. Everyone should spend some time doing it. It will test your patience, and can be stressful but it's also fun and I guarantee you'll learn a lot (& it gives us folks a chance to meet the future AYF!).

Some action proposals were suggested such as the Election boycott (see PROPOSALS section), for an Alternative Wimmin's Health care tour and much more. At this meeting, older folks discussed the youth walkout and how to handle it.

Dinner. Then another meeting (this was a General Discussion on Structure and Organization). It turned into an interesting event. We (the younger folks) basically stood up and said "You guys fucked up", and the dumb-founded adults listened. And for their merit, I must say many of them were way cool. They really heard our gripes and suggestions and made a sincere effort to change things. All kinds of stuff surfaced that had happened, and despite a few hard-core intellectuals trying to dismiss us with lines like "I hear what you're saying, but I still think it's important that conversations use 20-letter words, most folks wised up.

The feeling was good, but we had to jet for the... AYF meeting (which still lacked a scheduled time or place). Ironic that after we stood up for ourselves, it suddenly materialized! A good case for collective action!

The meeting went well. All kinds of stuff was decided, including a general endorsement of the AYF page proposal, the endorsement that now-defunct Mid South AYF be dropped from the affiliate list (after

homophobic/sexist literature started to appears out of the P.O. Box from a former AYFer), reports from affiliates and more. This is all enclosed in the minutes, so check them out (following this report).

Then on to another day of partying at Felix's. Hooray! (Thanks again!)

DAY III:More hangovers. The day started with meetings for the various aspects of the political statement (ie anti-racism, anti-sexism, etc.). Basically, groups met to revise the whole thing. I don't think any of us had any idea we were supposed to be involved in the rewriting of the Youth Oppression statement. Oops. Then Lunch.

We voted on supporting action proposals. The Election boycott and a couple of other things were endorsed. The AYF page was passed almost unanimously (a few quiet abstentions).

Then there were structure proposals. The facilitator and co-facilitator were elected. Voting for the Coordinating Group came up and the following young people got on:Dan (NYAYF), Brian (Autonomo Forum), Kieran (Anti-Racist Action, Minn.), Jacynthe (Ottawa AYF) and Brent (Ex-Dayton AYF). That's 5 young people out of ten. I think

we made our point!

Dinner. Then came the revision of the political statement. This went on from 7:00 PM to 1:00 AM. (Damn!) It was sooo incredibly boring. At the end, there were about 8 people left in the room making decisions. The reason political statements are always so dry is that the only people who can stand to sit through 6 hour debates are generally that way! We wrote a really shitty "We support the struggles of Youth" statement, which needs to be revised at the first possible moment. It really sucks. It got passed, which proves that we had hit the older folks so hard with our accusation we could have written anything and it would have gotten through (It was quite obvious people thought it was shit and didn't want to say it). It's shit.

Then it was over. We partied one more night, and people went home.

Overall, I must say this was an incredibly positive conference. Tons of fun, lots was accomplished, a bunch of new folks were met and I feel a general sense of unity came out of this. Whether or not that feeling continues depends on individuals, but I certainly hope it does. (Again, thanks to Felix, Kristin, Paul, Audrey, Kieran and everyone else who helped pull it all off!)

NOTE:Enclosed with this Internal Bulletin should be a copy of the NY-AYF Update bulletin passed out at the conference. Also, I have a few copies of the highly attractive "Action Proposals and other Documents" and the Program for the gathering, sure to be collectors items (plus they have a few cool articles). If you want a copy, they're going fast and I only have a couple so write now. And include $1. for postage.

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## MINUTES FROM JUNE 30, 1991 ANARCHIST YOUTH FEDERATION MINI-GATHERING (HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN)

-Approximately 30-40 people were in attendance (The amount fluctuated as some folks came and went). Groups represented included Minneapolis-A.Y.F. (Minneapolis, MN), New York-A.Y.F.(New York, NY), Dayton Anarchist Collective (Dayton, OH), Ottawa-A.Y.F. (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada), Cincinnati Autonomous Anarchist Collective (Cincinnati, OH), independent A.Y.F.'ers and other, older folks.

### OUTLINE OF TOPICS

-There was a ton of stuff put on the agenda. The main ones were:

-LOVE & RAGE A.Y.F. Page

-Dropping Mid-South A.Y.F. from network

-Reports from local affiliates

-Proposals for amendments to the LOVE & RAGE editorial structure

-Getting A.Y.F.'ers on the LOVE & RAGE coordinating group

-The vision of the A.Y.F./Statement of beliefs

-Ottawa Youth Lib. Gathering

-Other topics came up later in the course of discussion, and were incorporated. Some of these I missed because it was getting shit late, I was very tired and wanted to get drunk.

(NOTE:As with the previous A.Y.F. minutes I've sent, I'm listing my complete notes (though they are by far missing a lot of what was discussed). This is to show the course of discussion, how we came to the decisions we did and why. The different ideas expressed do not necessarily represent the views of the A.Y.F. as a whole, but merely the views of those who expressed them. I hope by including the full dialogue, it will stimulate conversation within local chapters-D@n)

### TOPIC 1:THE LOVE & RAGE PAGE:TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

-There shouldn't be a page, as we will become dependent upon Love & Rage if we choose to use their facilities

-The page is good as it gives us a chance to expand to a wider audience

-It also gives us a chance as a network, and Love & Rage as a paper to expand

-To balance the page, we should have our own A.Y.F. zine

-Love & Rage will give us content control, & will save us the $$$ of doing our own paper. It's free, so why not take it?

-There has been discussion in NYC of doing an AYF zine

-Local groups should do newsletters, and we should also have an international paper, and an AYF page. I would be no problem to have all three

-If we agree we want the page, how will it work (ie be produced, etc?)

-We should do a zine, and the AYF page. The page could be excerpts from the best stuff submitted to the zine

-We are a part of the Love & Rage project, and are soon to be a part of the editorial council. It is no "us" & "them", but "us & "us". We shouldn't reject the page.

-Just because we do the page, doesn't mean we can't do other things. We should be like Anarchist Black Cross and Neither East nor West, and do

projects as well as the page.

DECISION:A.Y.F. PAGE IN LOVE & RAGE IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

-The page could be produced in New York City, where the Love & Rage office is. There should be a network of representatives from each chapter who help decide what goes in.

-We should also have regular reports on what local groups are up to

-The page should also list the addresses of local chapters

-A listing would take up a lot of space

-Groups that are not on the "official" list should write in and become so, so they can be represented on the page

-The list of A.Y.F. groups should be printed until it gets huge. then people can send a stamp for the list. We need to update the list, as a few new folks have joined.

-The first page should include a report from the conference

-All correspondence for the A.Y.F. page should go to NY-AYF, and not LOVE & RAGE, as mail for other groups has been lost that way.

-Groups should be listed in a reduced type

-When articles are run, the local group of the author should be listed after their name

DECISION:IT WAS AGREED THAT DUE TO LACK OF TIME, SEVERAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WOULD BE SHIFTED TO YOUTH LIB. TO BE DISCUSSED. THE FIRST A.Y.F. PAGE WILL BE PRODUCED NON-COLLECTIVELY, AND A NEW EDITORIAL STRUCTURE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE PAPER WILL BE DECIDED IN OTTAWA. SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS NEW STRUCTURE SHOULD BE DRAWN UP BY THOSE INTERESTED, AND EITHER BROUGHT TO OR MAILED TO OTTAWA.

TOPIC 2:HOW TO HANDLE MID-SOUTH A.Y.F.'S DEMISE AND J.P.'S IGNORANCE

-Copies of a letter and flier produced by J.P. (of the now defunct Mid-South A.Y.F.) are passed around. The address listed is the old Mid-South P.O. Box, and we are worried that A.Y.F. may be construed as supporting J.P.'s fucked positions. (A copy of the letter and flier appeared in the last A.Y.F. mailing)

-We want the Mid-South Box dropped from the A.Y.F. contact list, and the A.Y.F. should write a formal statement supporting choice and against homophobia. This should be printed on the A.Y.F. page

-A new anarchist group, not associated with J.P., has begun in Memphis. We should get in touch with them

-J.P. associates himself with "Hardline", the vegan fascist movement that sprung from radical animal libbers gone crazy. They have nothing to do with anarchism (or veganism for that matter)

-It's wrong to drop J.P. without total consensus

-J.P. represents A.Y.F. and deserves to be dropped (and/or physically maimed)

-This subject should be discussed with other Memphis anarchist youth who know J.P.

-An excerpt should be printed on the A.Y.F. page, along with a public response

-This should be after the Ottawa gathering, where we will write the position

-J.P. sites American Psychological Association as one of the main sources stating homosexuality is a mental disorder. They have since changed their position

DECISION:THE MID-SOUTH BOX WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE A.Y.F. AFFILIATE LIST. FURTHERMORE, EXCERPTS FROM J.P.'S FLIER AND LETTER WILL APPEAR ON THE A.Y.F. PAGE WITH AN A.Y.F. NETWORK RESPONSE THAT WILL BE WRITTEN IN CANADA. WE WILL ALSO SEEK A NEW CONTACT FROM THE MEMPHIS AREA, AS THEY HAVE A LARGE ANARCHIST COMMUNITY WHICH AGREES WITH LOTS OF A.Y.F. POSITIONS.

TOPIC 3:AMENDMENTS TO THE LOVE & RAGE EDITORIAL COUNCIL

-Contrary to originaly planned, the Love & Rage structure will not have delegates based on association to their groups

-There is a brief explanation of the whole process. Basically, there will annual or semi-annual gatherings of the whole Love & Rage support network to steer the path of the paper. Between gatherings, decisions will be made by a Coordinating Group, which will be elected at the conferences. These 10 people will meet every few months, and coordinate decisions about the paper (ie covers, etc.)

-No major amendments are proposed except that some young people should get involved.

DECISION:IT IS DECIDED WE WILL TRY TO GET SOME A.Y.F.'ERS ON THE COORDINATING GROUP. THIS TURNS OUT TO HAPPEN, AND 5 YOUTHS ARE ELECTED. THEY ARE:KIERAN (MINNEAPOLIS), BRENT (DAYTON), BRIAN (MASSACHUSETTS), JACYNTHE (OTTAWA) & DAN (NEW YORK).

TOPIC 4:THE VISION OF THE A.Y.F. & A POSSIBLE POLITICAL STATEMENT

-There is a general agreement that the A.Y.F. should begin to reach beyond punk rock to appeal to all youth

-But what is the A.Y.F.? Is it a tendency in the community to respond to the older anarchist crowd, a group dedicated to organizing punk rock, or more of a genuine anarchist group which will grow and outreach?

-A.Y.F. is all these things, but hopes to grow into a genuine anarchist organization

-A.Y.F. is for all deviants, not just punks

-A.Y.F. should make more of an effort to organize in high schools

-Usually there are people who latch on to dissenting views. A.Y.F. should reach these folks

-There is agreement there needs to be more of a focus on outreach

-Several folks tell of their positive experience speaking in high schools. Their talks sparked lots of discussions.

-In Ottawa, some more concrete stuff should be planned

-There should also be more written in Canada

-An A.Y.F. Gathering should be planned for the future

DECISION:IN OTTAWA, THE A.Y.F. WILL SET DOWN A BASIC STATEMENT OF BELIEFS. AN AGENDA OF FUTURE ACTIONS WE CAN ALL PARTICIPATE IN WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. FURTHERMORE, SEVERAL GROUPS ARE PLANNING AYF GATHERINGS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(NOTE:At this point, my notes totally break down. I am jonesing for some brew, and I can't concentrate. The meeting itself also degenerates. Appears others want some drink as well. The following is just what was decided, sans the discussion notes)

TOPIC 5:AN INTERNATIONAL A.Y.F. ZINE?

-It is decided this is a good idea.

-The mag could have each page produced by a local group, with the letters section, articles, etc. compiled in one city.

-We will have further discussion of this in Ottawa.

TOPIC 6:THE YOUTH LIB GATHERING

-There will be an anarchist gathering discussing youth liberation held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada in August from the 9-12. The gathering will be a series of workshops, meetings, concerts, etc. Organizing is going on now, and people involved should get involved

-Money is desperately needed. Any donations or contributions should be sent, and if possible, benefits should be organized.

-There will be another A.Y.F. mini-gathering at youth lib.

-Any further questions should be sent to Ottawa A.Y.F.

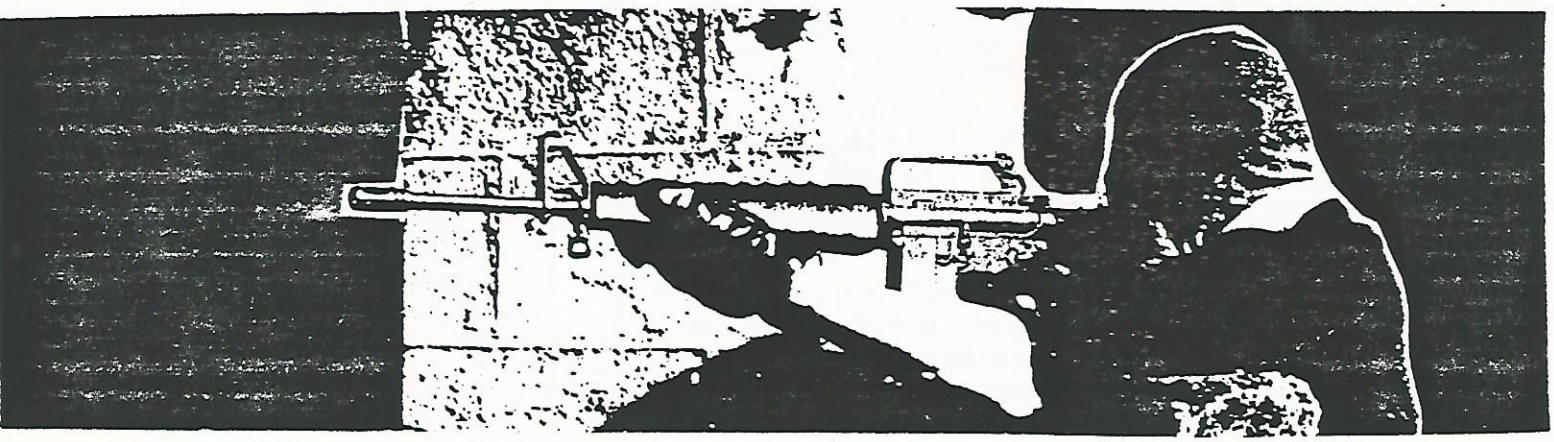
TOPIC 7:REPORT BACKS FROM LOCAL GROUPS

-Groups talked about the kind of shit they were up to. Minneapolis is busy with distribution, C.A.A.C. has published a newsletter, Dayton is running the Gutter Center, Ottawa is running shows and doing Youth Lib., and NYC is typing notes to stupid A.Y.F. meetings.

-A short NYC bulletin was also passed out for those interested

TOPIC 8:THE PARTY AFTERWARDS

-We all get really fucked up and pass out. We were not at all constructive, but we don't care



# A SCALDING ATTACK ON THE YOUTH LIB. GATHERING (Or:HOW TO BLOW AN ORGANIZING OPPORTUNITY IN ONE EASY LESSON)

**By Dan/NYAYF**

The youth liberation gathering was held in Ottawa, Canada from August 9-12. It was billed as "an anarchist/ anti-authoritarian gathering focusing on YOUTH LIBERATION". There were supposed to have been workshops, films, a picnic, a gig and other events. From the first moment I heard about this planned meeting, I was excited. I'm a youth. I'm an anarchist. This is just what I need to build my morale:Sharing a weekend with several hundred of my own kind, where I will be able to unwind, plan future coordinated actions and do a bit of partying. Upon reflection, I think I was a bit naive and expected too much. The gathering sucked.

On the September AYF page, we ran an article/review written by one of the organizers on the youth lib. gathering. The author (Jacynthe/Ottawa AYF)tried to remain uncritical and impartial, showing the various reactions that folks had to the gathering. In doing so, I think she made a big mistake. She portrayed the gathering as moderately successful, with a few minor problems. In my opinion, it was the biggest flop since someone tried to turn the HOWARD THE DUCK comic book into a movie.

After a 12 hour drive from New York City w/5 other anarchos (a saga in itself), we arrived on Friday (the 9th). We did some hanging out at a friends crib with a few old and new comrades, decided to hit the town, and go to the organizing sight. On the way, we ran into a pack of nazi metallers, who proceeded to start a fight with us. There were 15 of us and 2 of them, and they started a fight! (True, their numbers grew phenomenally quick to about equal, and they did have the advantage of being on home turf). A stand off developed, some threats were hurled and we reached a stalemate. The sad part is we should have trounced them. But many folks were obviously scared (nothing wrong with that) and didn't have much experience fighting, so they consequently didn't back those of us up who were about to get into it. Rather than get our heads busted, we decided to make ourselves scarce and headed to the conference sight without incident.

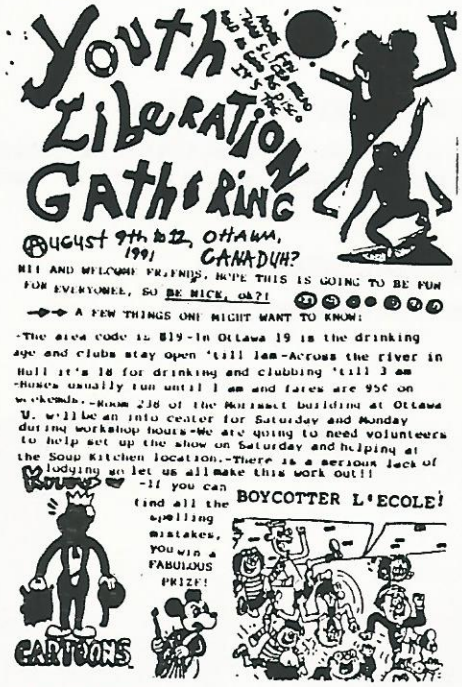
The conference's initial meeting was held at some small theatre. Apparently, the organizers had also planned to hold the workshops here, but it fell through at the last minute. At this theatre, we signed in, found places to stay for the night, got booklets with the weekends agenda and shot the shit about each other's patches, mohawks, favorite bands, etc. (kinda fun, and pretty punk). Then it was off to the beverage store where we loaded up on cider/ beer. The alcohol is more potent in Canada, and of a better quality, but it is EXPENSIVE due to heavy taxation. That really sucked.

Then off to the party. This was pure insanity. Like 300 people all hanging out at this house, getting wrecked, falling over, puking, blasting music, etc. Tons of fun, and the cops kept the hassling to a minimum (thought they went after a few folks for underage drinking. AHEM!). Some drug use, though I don't think it was that heavy. The high point had to be some drunk punk from Quebec screaming about punk-skin unity. I thought that idea was dated?

After managing to find a place to sleep (thanks Kliphph!), we walked to the conference sight (and a long, horrendous walk it was).

-SUGGESTION 1:In the future, gatherings should have a good map of the area (even areas where the conference isn't at, as folks manage to find their way into some strange places when they're lost).

We finally got to the college (pretty late I may add). It was like 12:30, and stuff still hadn't started. There was some coffee, and everyone seemed pretty burnt out. After some bullshitting, we went to find the James Bay workshop. This took us about 15 minutes! It was like following a treasure map.




-SUGGESTION 2:Have a real time-line and agenda BEFOREHAND! There should be a READABLE list of workshops, and the organizers should make sure things begin ON TIME (If people choose to be hangover victims, fuck 'em. Even with hangovers, those who are serious will make it there). Also, there should be some organizers from Ottawa who are clearly marked as information people (either by wearing a certain color shirt, and apron, whatever). These people should spend the duration of the conference telling people where to find workshops, food, etc. Otherwise, there is total chaos, and not in a good way.

We went to the James Bay workshop, and it was crowded (approx. 40 people). The lady giving the presentation was kind of a liberal-Rainbow family-Hippy-ecologist type, but the discussion that went on was cool. We got some literature, and I learned a few things I didn't already know about the situation.

-SUGGESTION 3:The workshop was good, but there was no networking for future coordinated actions. No mailing list was passed around (at least not that I saw). Therefore, an opportunity to plan some coherent protests, etc. was wasted. Also, it was good to see that there were translators for those who spoke only French, but that was organized on the spur of the moment, and I heard some criticism of it being fairly hard to find the translators. Again, bilingual translators should have been clearly marked so those who needed them could find them.

After James Bay, we went to find other workshops, and as far as I know only one other took place (On Capitalism and its infiltration of the HIP HOP movement. Cool idea!). Again, it was shitty that nothing went off, or that people couldn't find stuff.

SUGGESTION 4:The conference booklet should have been better put together. As far as I know, the only reason there was one at all was

because Jacynthe put it together by herself the night before the conference started (Thanks, Jacynthe!). But it should have been better planned, and reflected more of what people needed to know. It should have had the time-line, the workshops, A DESCRIPTION and WHO WAS DOING IT (for instance, how many people knew what "MARXISM-HUMANISM" or "INDIANER KOMMUNE" meant?), etc. There also should have been a list of where the literature room was, where films were showing, etc. I know the organizers lost their original space, but they should have had a backup. It would have made the conference run a lot smoother.

Then there was the soup kitchen, and lunch. After which, another beer/alcohol run and off to the show. The show was, not surprisingly, the best-organized part of the weekend (and also the best attended). It was held in the gymnasium of the Boys and Girls Club (some kind of elementary school). The sound was pretty cool, and the atmosphere was nice (very laid back). Everyone was getting wrecked outside, which inevitably attracted police attention. The cops showed up a few times, and everyone reacted in a fairly responsible way, hiding brews, going inside, etc. This enabled the show to continue unhindered (though it was hilarious to see this one punk (complete w/huge mohawk and studded leather) hiding behind a wall getting obliterated while the cops were less then five feet away!).

SUGGESTION 5: There was one fucked incident. A bunch of folks were sitting on the playground and a few of them were chucking bottles. Also, some were leaving their bottles and cans everywhere. People need to think. Little kids would be there the next day, and it is quite likely they'd get cut up in the sandbox or schoolyard. Uncool. Next time, we need to have recycling bins, people have to responsible and anyone caught throwing bottles should be confronted (Lucky we didn't catch the guy who was chucking them in the playground, as we were planning to mangle him!)

Inside, the show was great. The stage was cool, the bands were loud and it was fun. 13th TRIBE, HELLNATION, DOUBLETHINK, BORN AGAINST and RORSCHACH all played (RORSCHACH gets the award for power, blowing a total of 3 fuses during their set!!!). There was stagediving, but people were surprisingly non-aggressive, and the pit wasn't "hard". A few isolated idiots, but people seemed to have fun tripping them, etc. Audio anarchy in action!

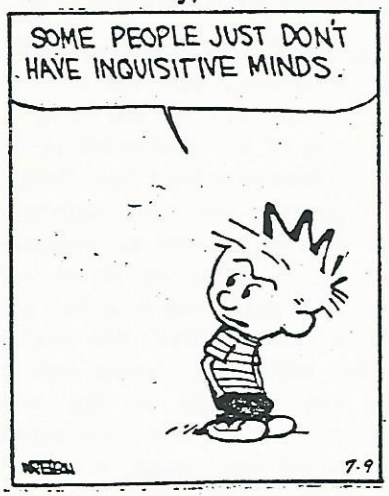
The show ended, and we were off to drink in Hull, and then to sleep (thanks Tom!)

The next day was the picnic. It was held in this huge, beautiful field (called LeBreton Flats) and we ate, played soccer, rolled down the hills, played tag, danced, wrestled, shot the shit, etc. It was way fun. Really relaxed and the weather couldn't have been nicer.

At 3:00, people tried to organize workshops, and I'm sad to say they failed miserable. The first was a presentation on the Indianer Kommune (a commune in Germany which has a controversial position on children's sexuality). The discussion was interesting, but you couldn't hear a damn thing! There was traffic, wind, people talking, etc.

We then attempted to hold an AYF meeting, and it was HUGE (like 100 people from everywhere). Unfortunately, it was also held outside, and after finishing introductions and attempting to set an agenda it started to pour. We all ran for cover, and when things dried off a bit more we attempted to have it again. This time it was considerably smaller (50 or so people), and we spent two hours dealing with reports from local groups. Some people just refused to stop talking about the most irrelevant shit, and a lot of people again couldn't hear a fucking thing. Frustrated, they began to leave. Sensing this, we decided to reschedule the meeting for the next day (Monday) at 3:00. Dumb move. (A lot of people had left but that point, and we couldn't find an empty room so it ended up not happening).

SUGGESTION 6: First of all, I'm pissed. Is the AYF serious or what? People seemed more into beer and music than politics, and we had a LOT we were supposed to cover. This meeting was very disheartening. In the future, meetings should NEVER be held outside if they want to get anything done. Too many distractions. Second, there should have been a preliminary agenda planned beforehand that could have been revised, rather than trying to think one up from scratch. Furthermore, many people relied on other folks to get shit together (me being one of them) and this created a kind of hierarchy. The speaking order was very male dominated (this wasn't confronted). There should have been a time-limit on the discussions and on how long one individual could talk (someone bring a stopwatch next time). We should have had a real facilitator and speaking order (we allowed what is called the "tyranny of structurelessness" to take effect. The result of this is often that wimmin and those who are not outspoken/loud do not get to air their views. this hurts the movement, because it effectively takes away some peoples say in a conversation/debate). Beyond all that, we didn't have translators, things got started late and it sucked. If we're serious about making a revolution, we're going to have to get our shit wired tight, and that means folks are going to have to stop fooling around and getting drunk sometimes, and do some serious planning. It's much less glorious, but if you're not prepared to do it, you belong in the Rainbow family, not the AYF.




Again, off to the soup kitchen, or lunch somewhere else. And then, DISCO night.

We made our way to Le Club in Hull, a gay bar which featured 2 free drinks, and a

drinking age of 18. It was pretty cool, some groovy music, and lots of folks unwinding and getting wrecked (many people had also left by now, as it was Sunday night). Things seemed to be going cool, when the news hit. 5 or 6 Nazi skins had attacked 2 punks from Quebec , and put one in the hospital after they slammed his face into a pole (he needed to get stitches). The night before, they had fucked with another 14 year old punk from Quebec and had stole his youth lib. booklet. They had told him they were after us, and word had it there were skins from Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal in town. (This later turned out to be true. While cruising downtown, we saw groups of nazi skins 4-5 large on at least 5 occasions, and they looked ready to do battle). Apparently, 25 of them with bats had chased a few punks and they were on their way to Le Club to jump us. The way people reacted made me ashamed to be an anarchist. Some people (myself included) wanted everyone to stop drinking and amass outside the club. This way, if the skins did show up we'd be ready for them (remember, they were supposedly armed and we weren't, but there were 75 of us). Unfortunately, few people took the threat seriously, and many people said they'd be ready to fight if the skins showed up, but they were going to continue drinking (ironic that they had to fucking stumble to get anywhere). One organizer even commented "thousands of people get attacked and put in the hospital every night. Are you going to go out and get all the people who did it?"(?). This comment is timeless, and shows the general attitude of many people. But we managed to get everyone outside for a meeting, which sadly degenerated into a screaming match. Finally, the cops showed up and kicked us out, the bar wouldn't let us back in so we went back to the church where many people were staying and decided to plan from there. At the church, the meeting was again fairly heated, and unfortunately male dominated (this could also have been a result of the fact that only men were allowed to stay at the church). We talked for a half an hour, and finally decided to leave it up to the Ottawa people to handle their nazi problem, as they would have to deal with it after we left.

SUGGESTION 7:What a fucking load of shit most anarchists talk! We claim to be against nazis, and yet we sit by as they put one of our comrades in the hospital. As someone from New York, a city with perhaps the worst skinhead problem in America, and as someone who has been beaten up on several occasions and put in the hospital, all I can say is I'm ashamed. We should have gotten retribution. People hate to face it, but violence is the only language most skinheads understand. We showed we were weak, and gave them a great morale boost. We ran scared. Some people were naive enough to believe we could take them on while drunk off our asses. These people are stupid, cowardly and not facing reality.

On July 4th 1989, 75 skins attacked an anarchist picnic in Thompkins Sq. Park. See, the anarchists sat around drinking brew, figuring their numbers alone would deter violence. It didn't work. We got our asses kicked. Why is it that 4-5 nazis can strike fear into 200 punks and anarchists at a show? It's because anarchists for the most part have not resolved the question of violence within themselves, and if we're going to get anywhere they have to. They have to learn to fight, they have to learn to accept violence and not be scared of it. The way we reacted to the nazis in Ottawa proves to me that most anarchists are privileged, suburban rich kids who can run back to their parents house when a fight starts. They live miles away from nazis and gangs. And it's a shame, too, because for those of us who live in neighborhoods where the Klan and W.A.R. are big, we cannot turn to our comrades to back us up. Nazis can. Where there is unity there is strength. Unfortunately, they have both and we have neither.

Furthermore, I'm a little apprehensive about leaving it up to the Ottawans to resolve their nazi problem. They won't. The nazis are much stronger than the anarchists there, and it seems they're a bit more serious too. The year before youth lib., at the Rock Against Racism concert I got in a fight with a nazi on the street. This year, we got in a fight too (remember the metalheads?). Then they attacked the conference. And yet most Ottawa punks said these were "isolated incidents". This shows their privilege, that because they aren't the ones being attacked, it's not an important issue. Why is it SHARP has been more effective crushing nazis than anarchists, even though it's in our interests to more than theirs?

I would just like to say that I think people should start training in a fighting art (boxing karate, etc.), arm themselves for self-defense, and get organized. If we don't want to use the police to resolve our problems, we'll have to police ourselves. This requires a lot of responsibility. And finally, at future gatherings, organizers should have a security team planned, ready to deal with the situations which occur. And we should not take the suggestions of pacifists seriously until they offer concrete solutions to the racist skin problem.

Okay, next morning. We made our way to the conference sight and got there real late. Most people had left by now, but a few workshops went on (a wimmin's workshop, and one on homebrewing. Figures that one went off well!). The AYF meeting predictably didn't happen. Most folks just sat around in the hall and talked, though we did some evaluating of the weekend and how we could all do better next time. Then it was back to our respective cities for another year of isolation and loneliness.

In closing, I'd like to say that the gathering sucked overall, but this is not the sole fault of the organizers. For one thing, they had very little outside help getting it together, and I don't think they realized what a tremendous responsibility a gathering really is. The parts which were good (aka the picnic, party and show) were really good, but this shows where people's priorities lie. Most folks (including me) went to Ottawa to party. What we fail to realize is that a gathering like this happens maybe once a year, and in that time we have to achieve a ton of stuff. The state works 365 days a year trying to crush our movement. If we don't spend 4 days trying to counteract that, we prove that an anarchist revolution won't work, nor do we deserve one. Here's hoping we'll learn from our mistakes and things will be better at the AYF gathering in Dayton!

# A BRIEF LIST OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED AND DISCUSSED AT FUTURE AYF GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS

At the Baltimore, Minneapolis and Ottawa AYF meetings, there was quite a bit discussed. From those meetings came forth the expulsion of Mid-South AYF, the new AYF page in LOVE & RAGE, and much more. Many other proposals were brought up, and due to time constraints it was decided that it would be best to discuss these things at a later date when there was more time. Assuming that the next official organized meeting of the Federation will be in Dayton sometime in early Spring of 1992, here are some things which people have brought up for the agenda:

-forming an editorial and decision making network of representatives to help facilitate production of the AYF page, and vote on proposals

-drawing up a formal AYF statement supporting choice, and against homophobia to counteract several ex-AYfers statements and fliers that were anti-choice/homosexual. This would be printed on the AYF page

-does the AYF need a political statement? If so, what will it be/include?

-it was agreed AYF should become more than a "punk only" group. How can we break out of the ghetto of subculture, and attract those whom are under-represented in the group (especially Black, Latino, Native American, queer and other youth)?

-A possible international AYF zine:Do we need it, and is it possible at this stage in the groups development?

-Reports from local groups

-Collectively revising the AYF starter kit;What should be included and what should be dropped? -How do we decentralize the group as a whole, and make sure everyone has a say? (This ties in with creating some sort of editorial/decision making structure)

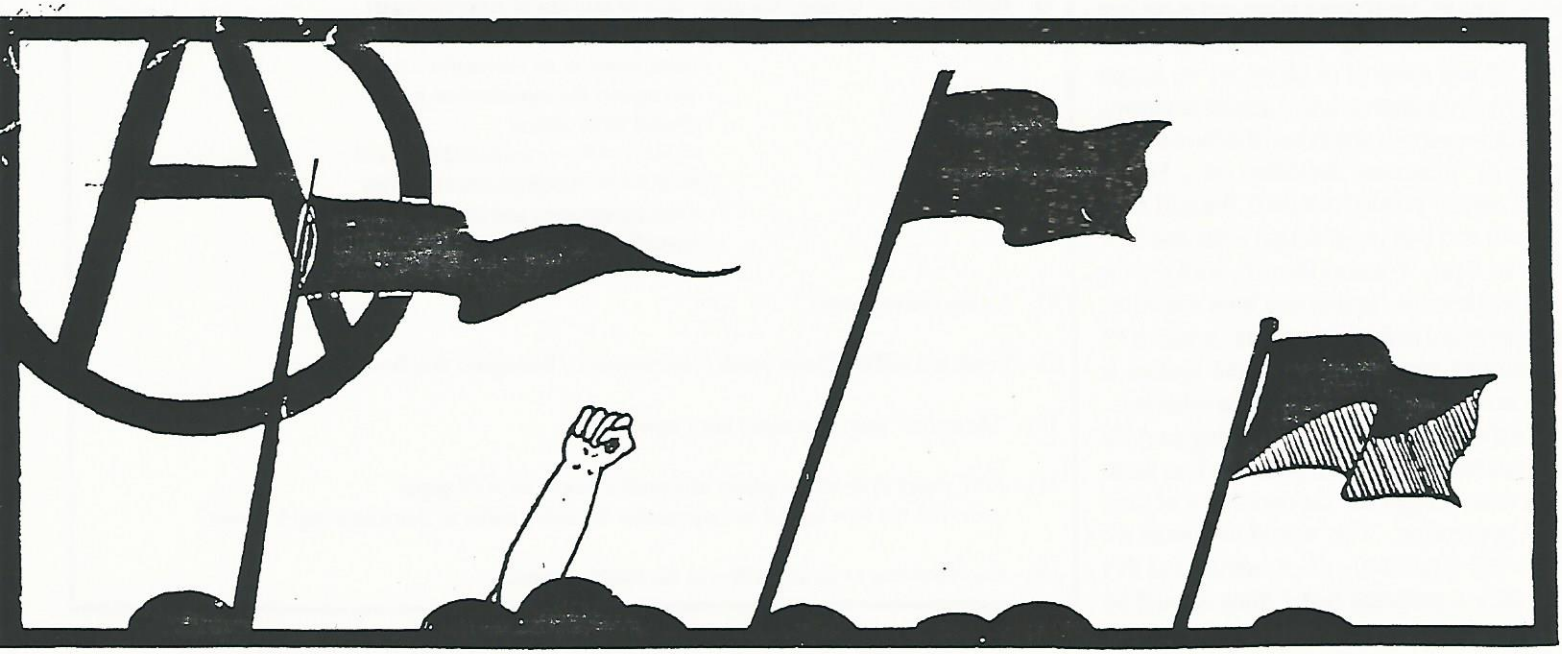
-What is the process for new groups becoming affiliates?

-What are new ways the AYF can do outreach to the public?

-Anti-fascist organizing:The LOVE & RAGE network has made a declaration to have a special focus on anti-racist organizing for the next year. The AYF will play an important part in this. How can we out organize the Nazis and Aryan Youth Movement (AYM!), and form a strong anarchist position against racism?

These are just a few things that are suggested for the weekends agenda. If you have further topics, please send them to NYAYF for the Bulletin, and to Dayton so they can come up with a proposed agenda for the gathering. I would also strongly suggest the first thing put on the agenda is discussion of getting beer, so this won't become a problem later on in the meeting (with people worrying about who's going to buy it, when the stores close, etc.)

UPDATE:We just got a revised starter kit from Minneapolis AYF, and in it was the following flier & proposed agenda. Continue to send suggestions for an agenda.



A few of us here in Minneapolis have been getting together a lot lately to discuss ways in which we can revise the AYF "starter" information folder (which we've already started to do), how to decentralise its distribution from the Minneapolis group , how to continuously keep it up to date, and also we've discussed the very future existence of the Mpls. AYF. We want to move away from being only acknowledged as a punk distribution service to being seen as a revolutionary movement - a network of anarchist youth and supporters. Something more concrete. Something more REAL!

Though we still have alot of talking to do with eachother here on this and other issues, we want to talk about the reasons for revising the "starter kit". The addition of and removal of pamphlets is to provoke/promote discussion and further communication within the already formed AYF groups as well as with those beginning or in question of beginning a group.

It is my personnal opinion that we need to build bonds amongst eachother (inter)nationally and form "affinity groups" locally before we set out to tackle larger tasks. Let's take things step by step! (Let CNT set a good example for us). HEY, perhaps first we ought to be learning about anarchist history - so we don't make the same mistakes - and acts of youth rebellion and revolutionary youth groups. Let's teach eachother how to break down the barriers in our personnal relations with eachother and build a trust that no part of the systems trickery can use to divide us! And no, this ain't gonna happen overnight.

Lastly; I don't feel that all new revolutionary youth groups and anarchists supportive of youth liberaton neccesarily have to go under the title AYF to be affiliated with or work with one another. This means groups of ALL ages. We, in Minneapolis, are finding more and more that "legally" we are no longer recognised as youth. 19, 20, 21 and some of us older; we no longer have to fight the oppression of school authority, authorotative parents, the threat of reform scools, lock ups or "treatment" facilities, etc.... but we still call ourself youth (fuck that! We still ARE the youth) and will never forget what and how we had to fight. We also identify with the the strenth and knowledge that was born within us; outside of skool and on the streets - where a lot of us learned survival. Where the system is clearly and undeniably exposed for what it is.

We discussed the idea of forming an AYF support network and leaving the AYF to those who have to struggle for the overthrow of their "legal" oppression. This would not mean we would work sepparately of eachother, and this is still only a proposal that I think should be decided upon collectively.

Perhaps an easy sollution to this is to call our network Armed Youth Faction (now that we're old enough to own guns - ha!)! That leaves it still as the AYF no matter what age you are - pretty easy huh? No, but really, we would like to hear people's opinion on how to solve this silly age thing within the AYF. Do we want to sepparate (and work together as two networks) or leave it as is? Or is there another sollution? No matter what happens, the underlying truth is that we NEED eachother. Let's empower ourselves and fight back USING ANY MEANS NECCESARY!!

MINNEAPOLIS ANGRY AS FUCK AYF

This proposal is being sent out to all the AYF affiliate groups, and we feel that it's very important to start collectively deciding how to strenthen our network, confront various issues, and DEAL with them.

We here have drawn up an agenda of issues that we would like to see attention given to either in the form of discussion or written pamphlets (or both). We could also use the starter kit to put these and other new pamphlets into as a way of updating it. The idea of starting an AYF paper or holding a North American conference have also been proposed. In the meantime; we are reaching out to you with our ideas and proposals. Ler's decide now how we want to work with it and DO something with it. NO leaders eh?? LET'S ALL TAKE THE LEAD!

# PROPOSED AGENDA

1). A look at why our movement is so dominated by punks (and less by youth of other communities) and people of primarily white middle class background. How can we change this?

2).Making our ideas and information accesable to non-english speaking people

3).Youth and psychiatry - how to become advocates for youth prisoners
- how to get them out

4). Youth and SKOOL systems - alternative scools
-forced vs. consenting learning and individual paced learning
- taking control of our scools, our time, our learning / making the demands
- changing white and male biased learning of history, literature, etc...
- sexism and racism conditioned in school

5). The undiscussed demise of the former mid-south AYF - JP's right-wing neo facist political ideology shift

6). Alternative healthcare and experimentation for men and wimmin - learning about eachothers bodies (as a form of mutual /"self" help), demystification of them, and learning not to be afraid of them

7). Health care for (young) wimmin - how to stay out of a gynecologist office
-using herbs as an alternative - to strengthen the reproductive system
-herbal birth control
-making our own mensrual products
-abortion laws/reproductivefreedom
-(teen) pregnancy and midwifery
-anarchist childraising

8). Authorotative Parents

9). Youth and AIDS / Queer youth / Homophobia / Biological Warfare

10). "Anarchist" men who rape / have raped

11). AYF pages in anarchist papers and punk zines or an AYF paper
-who has the time or will be responsable for doing either of these on a regular basis?

12). Homebrewing as an alternative to the establishment!!

THAT'S IT FOR NOW. TALK TO EACHOTHER!! TALK TO US!!

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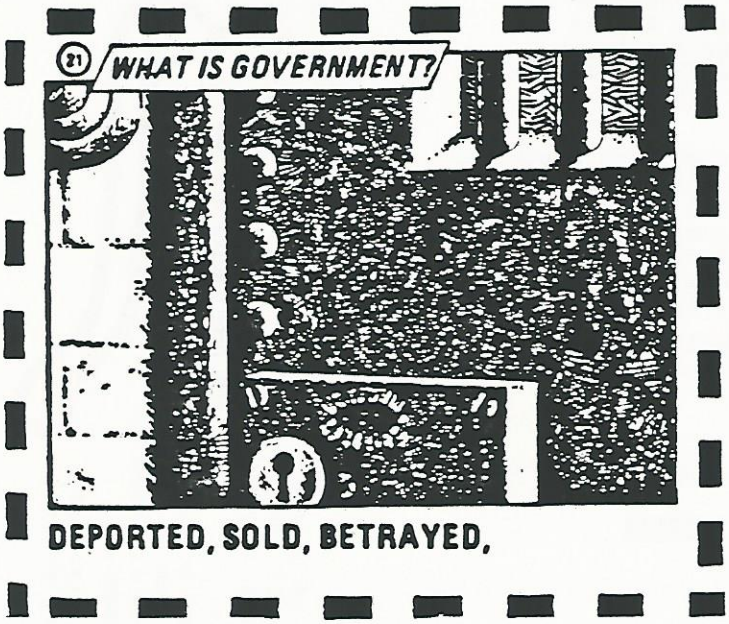
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please use this section as a means to publicize news and requests sent to us from non-AYF anarchist groups, as well as to announce internal AYF projects. Sound cool?

Hey! The AYF needs translators! At the moment two groups (San Diego and South Florida AYF) are bi-lingual, and will translate from Spanish to English and vice-versa (try to send only fliers that are really worth translating, as we don't want to over-burden them). But we are getting many more contacts from south of the border, so anyone who can help out translating, please write. We also need French speakers, as we are getting a large volume of mail from Quebec in Canada (there's even been some interest in starting groups there). Again, bi-linguals get in touch!




The Libertarian Book Club is a group dedicated to distributing, printing and analyzing anarchist texts. They're one of the oldest New York anarchist groups (been around since the 1940's!), and hold monthly forums on a ton of subjects. Unfortunately, they're also broke and in danger of losing their office. The group plays an important part in the anarchist movement, as they are in touch with anarchist historians, veterans of the Russian and Spanish revolutions, etc. If they are to continue, they need cash. Consider becoming a member, or write for the list of publications they carry. I hear they even have some vintage CRASS pins from the early 80's! Drop them a line at:LBC, 339 Lafayette Street-Room 202, New York, NY 10012 or call (212) 979-8353

The KINGSTON YOUTH PROJECT is an idea that is being passed around by Danny Reality of AYF Kingston. It would be an anarcho-paper published half in French, half in English, and would focus on Eastern Canada. All those interested in this, write Danny at 106 GORE ST., KINGSTON, ONT. K7L 2Z7

KINGSTON AYF/ABJ COLLECTIVE is planning a ROCK AGAINST OPPRESSION festival for Feb 28-Mar 1. It's going to have bands, workshops and a ton of other shit. For more info. write c/o 106 Gore St., Kingston, Ont. K7L 2L7 or call Dan at (613) 549-7371

TELL ME YOUR SINS! TELL ME YOUR FEARS! TELL ME YOUR OBSESSIONS! TELL ME YOUR FANTASIES! TELL ME YOUR CRIMES! I am starting a fanzine based on extreme experiences. I would like people to send me stories, hopefully true, that have to do with sex, drugs, religion, suicide, prostitution, crime, war stories, prejudice, basically anything that is extreme or unusual in nature. This, I stress, could be ANYTHING! I am willing to print whatever you have to tell. Be it a philosophy, an opinion, or a description of your own personal experience. I am not biased as to what will be printed either. I do ask, though, that you do not attempt to censor yourself in any way. Or hold back anything! I would like to hear from everyone, all walks of life! So please send in any confessions, poems, stories, art work, experiences, or anything you believe is worth printing in a magazine dedicated to extremities. Send to: TERRY MEREDITH 652 W. Waterloo, Akron, OH 44314

The ANARCHIST ARCHIVES is a project run by Jerry Kaplan of Cambridge, MA. It seeks to document the modern day anarchist movement in hopes of keeping future generations aware of those who won them their freedom (when they look back in retrospect from their cooperative workplaces and free collectives). I urge everyone to send copies of all their work (fliers, leaflets, patches, etc.) to help Jerry out with this noble effort. He can be reached at AA Project P.O. Box 1323 Cambridge, MA 02238

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS! ARTEST Magazine is inviting submissions of art work for a large-format poster series dealing with:Human Rights, Ecology, Militarism, "Globalism" vs. "Nationalism". Photography, painting, mixed media, print-making, poetry, film/video stills, written articles,...This art work will be published in a 24 page broadsheet newspaper format (advertising free) and will be distributed the last week of January 1992. Deadline for submissions is flexible (but towards the end of Dec. 1991). Of course, these 4 themes are broad, and we invite you to explore your interpretations of them. Issues could include 1492-1992 De-Celebration, Youth & Psychiatry, patriarchy, Quebec Independence, Canadian military actions, third world exploitation. The idea is to link different injustices together in a graphic format. 15,000 copies printed and distributed locally and internationally. ARTEST Magazine is directed to youth (15-24) and aims to make a radical perspective on issues, accessible to young people, one which is socialist/anarchist/feminist. Call Irwin at 254-9306 for more information. No fee for submitting, and sorry, but there's no money available for artists fees. ARTEST 1876 Garden Dr., Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4W7 Canada

(The following Press Release was sent to us by the Workers Solidarity Alliance/NYC. They asked us to publicize it to the network, so I'm including it in this discussion bulletin-D@n)



# PRESS RELEASE

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## American Steelworkers Need Your Support

This past November marked the one year anniversary that 1700 members of United Steel Workers Of America Local 5668 were locked-out by their employer, the Ravenswood Aluminum Company (RAC). A year ago, as union members were leaving the factory out of the front gate, scabs were coming in the back. The company has said that the workers have been "permanently replaced", the steelworkers say they have been locked-out.

RAC, a multi-national company owned by the Swiss-based Rich Group, prior to the strike demanded many concessions from the USWA, which were refused by the workers. The local union told the company that they would continue to negotiate although the contract was about to expire. The company had other plans. RAC has turned this small Ohio River community into an armed camp with barbed wire fences, a heavily armed private police force and electronic surveillance.

Despite the hardships faced by the workers they continue to fight against RAC but they need your solidarity. Resolutions of support and financial donations can be sent to:

USWA Local 5668
P.O.B. 56
Ravenswood, West Virginia 26164, USA

## SOUTH AFRICA: MASSIVE TWO DAY STAY-AWAY A SUCCESS

A crippling two-day national stay-away called for by the Confederation of South African Unions (COSATU), National Council of Trade Unions (NACTU) and a number of other smaller independent unions concluded on November 5 after demonstrating that the working class could bring South Africa's economy to a standstill.

The two-day strike saw an estimated 3.5 million people stay-away from their jobs. The strike was called to protest the imposition, in October, of a value added tax (VAT). The VAT imposes a heavy burden on poor and working people, a majority of whom are black.

The strike, according to all sources, was the largest in the history of South Africa. COSATU reported that "absenteeism had run 100% in Pretoria, 95% in greater Johannesburg and Durban and 70% in Cape Town." (New York Times, 11-6-91). The only violence reported was at the President Steyn gold mine where 89 people have died in the week leading up the strike and during the strike itself. This violence was between reactionary supporters of the Zulu Inkatha movement and supporters of COSATU.

It has been reported that a total of 172 workers were arrested during the two-day stay-away, mostly on charges of participating in "illegal" marches. 5,000 workers at the Anglo American's Saaiplaas mines refused to work an additional two days after management threatened to discipline stay-away participants.

President F.W. De Klerk angrily reacted to the stay-away as could be predicted. "I can not be satisfied with a stay-away action that should have never taken place" and that the strike movement was led by communists and radicals.

It is actions such as these that can only lead to the further empowerment of the South African working class and point the way that it is only the working class acting on its own, and not through political parties, that the aparthied-capitalist class can be abolished.

WSA Press Release 91-05
November 25,1991

U.E. Local 1015 Strike Fund
14819 Atlantic Avenue
Compton, California 90221, U.S.A.

WSA Press Release 91-06
December 2, 1991

## Carol Cable Strikers Stand Firm, Support Needed

After six months on the picket line the nearly 100 members of United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE) Local 1015 are standing strong. The strikers, many of whom are from Central America, are in a life or death struggle for their jobs and dignity.

Carol Cable insists on shifting the cost of health insurance to the workers and instituting a drug testing program. Some 70 strike breakers are working in the factory while some strikers have received letters telling them that they have been "permanently replaced."
The United States is one of the few countries in the industrialized world where there is no national health insurance. The other country is South Africa.

Resolutions of support and financial donations are requested and can be sent to:

# NEWS

One of the worst aspects of our disorganization is the lack of knowledge we have over each others actions. People get nailed, and you can believe it doesn't get covered in the VILLAGE VOICE. In fact, because AYF news is fairly foreign even to the anarchist movement, our actions seldom see coverage anywhere. That's why there's this section. To reprint news clippings and publicize actions by AYF'ers. So start sending stuff now. Also, don't be an fool! A lot of people who have written, have told us in letters of illegal activities they've committed. Sometimes they say it half-jokingly. Bad idea. If you're going to do paint bombings, McDonald's trashings, etc., please send us clippings or communiques/info. BUT send it anonymously! No return address, no names (except pseudonyms), etc. The FBI has intercepted our mail in the past (after a series of riots in New York when we were NYDAC). And just because you say "Not that I would ever do that" or "We smashed a bank...oops, just kidding!", it doesn't mean that they won't nail you. The FBI are not clowns, they're well-trained agents of the state, and they may not be able to use the evidence in court, but that doesn't mean they won't follow you and catch you next time, or set up a slander campaign between you and other groups. Play it smart, don't talk about illegal activities on the phone or through the mail. Loose lips sink ships! Don't be a big mouth!

FROM AUTONOME FORUM (WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS)

HA! HA! HA! GOTCHA, RICH SCUM!

FROM DAYTON Ⓐ COLLECTIVE

## Daytonians join abortion protest

### 25 arrested in Cincinnati operation

By Wes Mills
Dayton Daily News

CINCINNATI — As his companions sang *The Lord's Prayer* Dayton anti-abortion activist David Mehaffie was among the first of 74 people arrested Friday morning for blocking the entrance to the Planned Parenthood Clinic here.

The arrests stemmed from Operation Rescue's plan for two days of protests at centers offering abortion. About 25 people from Dayton were arrested, a protest organizer said.

Departing at about 6 a.m. from the Cornerstone Baptist Church at 2141 Hamilton Road about 40 anti-abortion activists boarded a bus and three vehicles. Some of the protesters hugged and kissed their spouses knowing they would be in jail by day's end.

Joined by about 300 more protesters outside the clinic in Cincinnati, many began blocking the front and rear entrances while others remained on the front sidewalk praying and singing.

But this was not to be like the six week Operation Rescue protest last July at clinics in Wichita, Kan., where protesters blocked admission to the door.

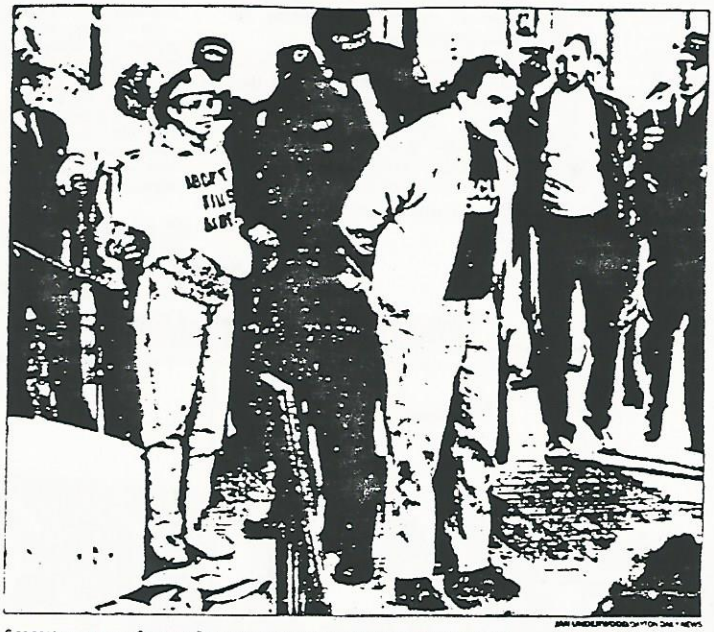
A large contingent from the University of Cincinnati Coalition for Choice was also present, along with militant gay activists from Queer Nation and other groups.

They carried signs reading "Freedom to Choose" and "Cincinnati Cops — Do Your Jobs."

They did.

Shortly after 10 a.m. Cincinnati police began handcuffing protesters blocking the entrances and putting them in vans before hauling them off to jail.

Kevin Luebben, 35, of Dayton was one of the first to fall victim to the militant opponents who tore up his sign and shouted obscenities in his face. "They get away with murder," Luebben said of the pro-choice activists.



JIM LINDLEYWOOD/DAYTON DAILY NEWS

Cincinnati police arrest Operation Rescue supporters after attempt to block clinic entrance

Danon Iaon, 24, of northern Kentucky suffered bruises and scrapes to her hands as she was pulled off a fence by five abortion rights activists. "One tried to pull my pants off," said Iaon, who is against abortion.

Despite a few scuffles and shouting matches both sides remained peaceful. Supporters of Planned Parenthood and the National Organization for Women remained across the street. Terri Smith, 30, of the Coalition for Choice said her group wasn't about to give them the city like in Wichita. "We just feel it's important to defend the clinic."

Fred Perkins, 41, of Operation Rescue in Dayton, said that by noon, about 25 people from the Dayton area had been arrested for blocking the entrances.

"We're treated with greater respect in Cincinnati than in Dayton and Kettering," Perkins said.

Shortly after noon, the last of the protesters were being gently led to the police vans by Cincinnati police while supporters sang *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *Onward Christian Soldiers*.

"It breaks my heart," Perkins said. "To think that people have to be arrested to save a life. They wouldn't be arrested if they were trying to break into a burning house to save a life."

Barr Robinson of Tri-state Rescue vowed the protests would continue today.

Assistant Cincinnati Police Chief Dale J. Menchhaus said 73 of those arrested were with the anti-abortion groups. He said 71 were charged with trespassing and two were charged with resisting arrest because they refused to walk. One abortion rights advocate was charged with disorderly conduct.

Hamilton County sheriff's spokesman Frank Weikel said the names of the protesters were not available because all gave names of John or Jane Doe or Mary Smith. Otherwise, he said, they were cooperative — sitting in a holding area singing.

### Anti-abortion groups picket local clinics without incidents, arrests

By Rosemary Marty
Dayton Daily News

Anti-abortion activists picketed two clinics in the Dayton area without incidents Friday.

Protesters at the Dayton Women's Center, 1829 N. Main St., were confronted by an organized group of young people that included several Antioch College students. Fewer than a dozen picketers appeared at the Women's Health Center Inc., 3480 S. Dixie Drive.

Police patrolled both scenes, but there were no incidents or arrests.

On South Dixie, escorts accompanied people into the clinic. Protesters did not get in their way.

No women attempted to enter the North Main Street center Friday afternoon. Dayton police Chief James Neeby watched and mingled among the protesters for about an hour.

For several hours on North Main, about 20 abortion rights protesters conducted a kind of street theater that included shouting at the slightly smaller anti-abortion group.

Others chanted held signs proclaiming a woman's right to control her body and stood close to the anti-abortion protesters. The group came out to make a statement in favor of choice and to support the clinic, said Scott Chudrese, 22.

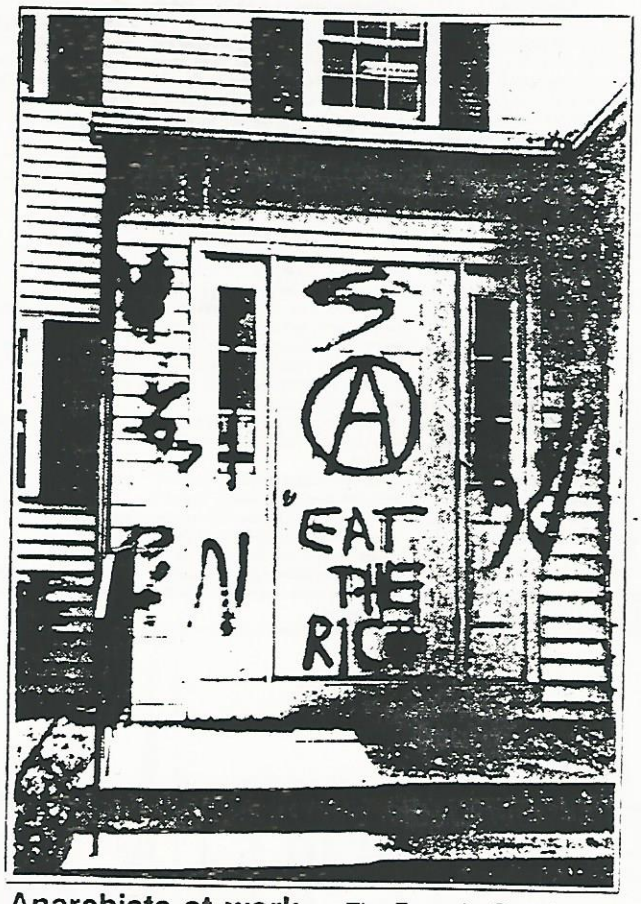
"We're sick of white middle-class men forcing their religion on a woman's body," Chudrese said.

It's a free country. Our laws give them the right to free expression of speech," anti-abortion protester Joe Rogers said. "We don't want to provoke any incidents. We don't want to respond to provocation."

"This is a spiritual warfare against the enemies of God," Rogers said.

While some of the abortion rights protesters shouted at her and three of her children, Lee Ann Chadrick held her sign up as the passing traffic without answering them.

"This is one of the rougher crowds I've experienced," Chadrick said. "It's all a part of the fight. What these people don't realize is there are people who help women who don't choose abortion. They help pay for the pregnancy, for the medical care. They adopt the babies. I'm sorry they don't know that."




**Anarchists at work** — *The Taconic Golf Course building and several signs leading to it were defaced with red spray paint late last week. The vandals emblazoned an anti-rich slogan and an anarchist symbol depicting a capital A inside a circle on a clubhouse door. "This has been going on for about three years," says Williamstown Police Chief J. Michael Kennedy. Kennedy says that "at least a dozen [such] incidents" have occurred on or near the Williams College campus. Always in red spray paint, the vandals have defaced such so-called "elitist" targets as Pine Cobble School, the Williams College president's residence and luxury cars parked at the Williams Inn. Although Kennedy has a culprit in mind, he says that he's "not even close" to charging anyone. "All we have is circumstantial evidence," he said. (Photo by Beth Saulnier)*

JOIN AYF "STICK-IT-TO EM" CAMPAIGN

Williams student and *three-time Williamstown selectman candidate Michael Coan...*

By Bill Densmore

Thrice-defeated selectmen candidate and anarchist organizer Brian MacLeod Coan, a Williams College senior, was arrested on Tuesday and briefly locked up after he allegedly put political stickers on a public telephone, police said.

Coan, 20, will be charged with "malicious destruction of personal property, to whit, a telephone booth," said officer Vincent Zoito, who is investigating. Officials have been following the work of an anonymous graffiti artist who has been defacing town locations with political slogans.

Coan is alleged to have placed the stickers with political messages on two sides of an open-air phone booth mounted to the wall of a Spring Street commercial building owned by the college, said Zoito, who made the 3:30 p.m. arrest after being summoned by college security officers.

A witness saw someone "taking anarchy stickers and putting them on the glass there," said Zoito. He declined to provide other details of the alleged incident. He said Coan was questioned and then released from the town lockup within a couple of hours pending a court hearing.

In the most recent reported graffiti incident, the phrase "Eat the Rich" was spray-painted in red on the door of the Taconic Golf Club entrance during the second week in July. The club is owned by Williams College.

At that time, Police Chief J. Michael Kennedy said political graffiti incidents had been occurring in town for three years. Other targets have been Pine Cobble School, the Williams College president's house and luxury cars parked at the Williams Inn.

A college security officer said a woman student observed Tuesday's alleged defacement of the telephone booth and described it to the officer.

Coan, who attracted attention in two town political races as much for the artificial green-tint of his hair as for his political views, was observed by an ADVOCATE reporter running ahead of a Williams secu-

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*...and one of the political stickers he allegedly placed on a phone booth on college property.*

# Political stickers lead to arrest

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rity official at about the time the alleged incident occurred.

A varsity member of the Williams cross country squad, Coan came to a stop after running ahead of the officer down Spring Street and then waited with two college officers until Zoito arrived in a cruiser. He then voluntarily entered the cruiser and was taken to the police station.

Zoito said Coan told police he was running away from the college security official "because he doesn't like to be chased by anybody." Coan, a native of Lansing, Mich., gave his home address is 295 Cole Avenue.

Coan's prior political platform has included a call for increased payments by Williams to support operations of town government and opposition to the college's controversial 72-lot Pine Cobble mountainside subdivision.

He has said he is upset by what he sees as a contradiction between the college's actions and the image it tries to promote in student catalogs.

Coan lost to an incumbent or challengers in tries for the board of selection in 1989, 1990 and 1991. In the first two races, he campaigned on an "ecological front" platform calling for energy conservation and mandatory recycling.

He also supported a $500,000 annual payment by Williams College in-lieu-of-taxes to the town and a "head tax" on out-of-town students.

In a January interview, Coan confirmed that he is a member of the Autonome Forum, which he described as a 25-member, "autonomous anarchist" group based at Williams College. He detailed his group's opposition to the Persian Gulf war.

# *Senior jailed on destruction charge*

by Linda Good

A Williams senior was arrested by Williamstown police last Tuesday for allegedly placing a political sticker on a public telephone on Spring Street. Brian Macleod Coan '92 was charged with malicious destruction of personal property, and held in the town jail for a few hours before he was released. He now awaits a court hearing.

A witness saw someone putting political stickers on either side of a phone booth on Spring Street, according to a report in *The Advocate*. Williamstown Police Officer Vincent Zoito made the arrest after having been summoned by Williams College security.

Coan said that he believed the whole incident was stupid and trivial. "I don't know why security came, because it was probably not even Williams College property. It was probably property of the phone company, and so it's their responsibility [to take action]," he said.

"It's made them lose their credibility," Coan said.

Coan said that the sticker in question was from the Anarchist Youth Federation. Pictured in *The Advocate*, the sticker read 'Eat the Rich."

Coan said that his involvement in that group and his local group The Autonome Forum has made him the subject of many policeinvestigations in which he had no part.

"It's so ridiculous. They presume I'm the only person who thinks about things and speaks out. They focus all their attention on me and are losing other people [who are really responsible]," Coan said.

Chief of Police Michael Kennedy told *The Advocate* that political graffiti incidents had been occurring in town for three years.

"I think I've been subject to unfair harassment both by town officials and police. I wish it would stop but I don't expect it to," Coan said. "It's clear that they have an unfair grudge against me. Last summer I was in New York for the entire summer and I was told that I was the number-one suspect in the computer larceny case. There was absolutely no evidence, and it turns out the people who did it were professors' sons."

Williamstown Police Chief Mike Kennedy said that Coan's fears were unfounded.

"We haven't been following him at all. We're not harassing anybody," Kennedy said. "We're not blaming him for anything. If we have the facts, we use them."

"I don't believe that the security men in the area were following him. What does he think we're running here, the KGB?" Kennedy said.

Arresting Officer Zoito was unavailable for comment.

Last Tuesday's incident was witnessed by an *Advocate* reporter, who said that Coan was pursued down Spring Street by a security officer, came to a stop, then waited with two officers until the police cruiser pulled up. Coan was taken to jail in the police cruiser.

Coan described the incident himself

"I was sitting outside the bakery and security came. He yelled something and I started running," Coan said. "I think it made security look ridiculous the way they chased me down the street.

"It just seems like such a non-incident. There's a lot more that I'm involved in, working with our group, the Autonome Forum. We have plenty of stuff planned for the year -- lectures, etc. This is not going to stop me from doing political stuff now," Coan said.

"I'm just worried the police are going to try to frame something on me. I'm someone who has publicly and privately stated that I have no respect for the police force. I don't think that's something unthinkable for the police to do," he said.

Coan said he will represent himself in his court hearing, scheduled for Sept. 25.

COPS BUST AYF HARDCORE SHOW IN MASS.

## Twelve teens charged with disturbing peace

PITTSFIELD — Twelve teen-agers were arraigned yesterday in District Court on charges of disturbing the peace stemming from an incident late Saturday afternoon at 10 Worthington St.

Police received a report of a loud live band at about 4:30 p.m., and after the youths were told to disperse by the responding officer, they did so.

However, about an hour later, police received another call that the teen-agers were back. When it became apparent the youths weren't going to leave, they were all charged with disturbing the peace, according to police.

The youths ranged in age from 16 to 19.

SOURCE: ↑ THE ADVOCATE

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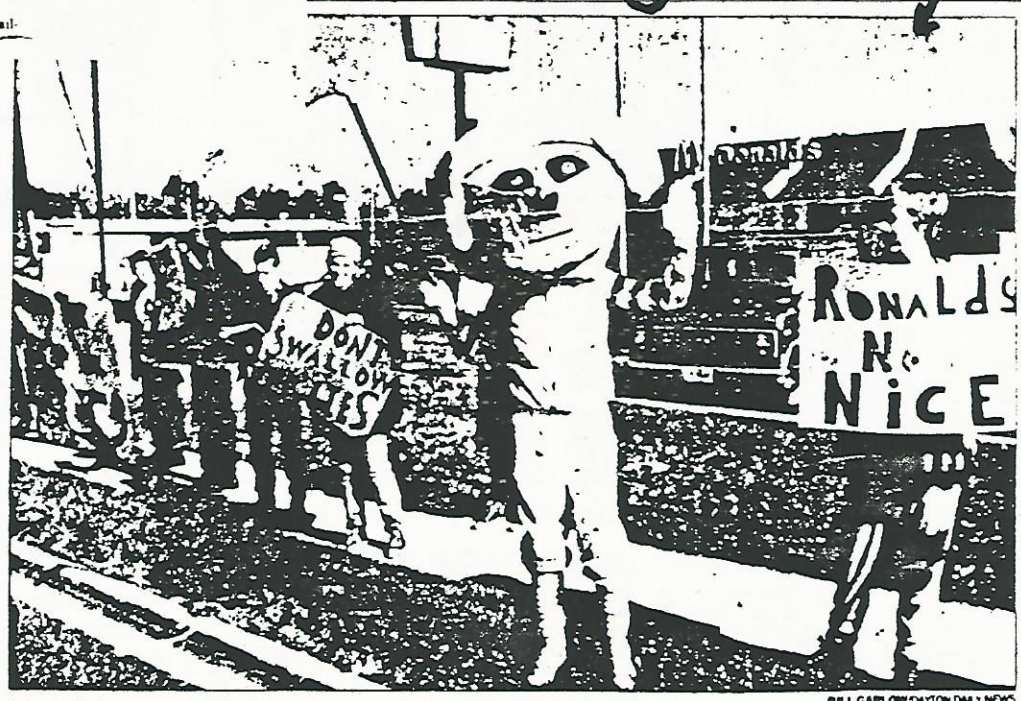
## *'Bash the Rich' stickers landing student in court*

WILLIAMSTOWN — Police arrested Brian Coan, a Williams College senior who ran unsuccessfully for selectman in the past two town elections, for wanton and malicious destruction of property yesterday.

Police said Coan, 20, of 295 Cole Ave., was observed placing stickers that said, "Bash the Rich — Anarchist Youth Federation" on a telephone booth outside Papa Charlie's Deli on Spring Street.

Arresting Officer Vincent Zoito said he and a Williams College security officer chased Coan down Spring Street before catching him at the corner of Spring and Latham streets about 3:40 p.m.

Coan was released on personal recognizance and will be arraigned today in Northern Berkshire District Court.




BILL GARLOW/DAYTON DAILY NEWS

## Food for thought

Demonstrators, as part of an international anti-McDonald's protest, picket the restaurant at 4770 N. Main St. Wednesday afternoon. They claim the fast-food chain's meat-based menu is inhumane, that it exploits workers by hiring largely students and teens and that its packaging contributes to the waste-disposal problem.

# LOCAL REPORTS

What is your local group up to? Want other folks to know about it? Write a short report on your activities and send it in!

This is also the section to announce new groups, those who have disbanded and people working under the AYF name. So, if you know of anyone not on the Affiliate list (see last page), please send us their address so we can get in touch with them, and send them a discussion bulletin.

## CHARLOTTE AYF

-(Received Early Nov, 1991)-We planned a gathering in January w/30 bands, and we are trying to get spoken word things along w/workshops and a lot more. It will be January 17, 18 and 19 at an indoor skate park (write us for details). Also, we do plenty of shows, magazines, a lot of cool records, literature so write us. We are far south, but don't leave us out! We have a school resistance paper coming out soon to be distributed monthly throughout schools. Also, OFFICER FRIENDLY #.5 is still available, #1 is out and #2 is coming up. See ya folks! Oh my, How could I forget-we have plans of getting a warehouse soon, which includes shows, zines, literature, records and everything-kinda like a small, little center (a mini-little thing). We need benefit shows to open it up, or just help so (once again) write us!

Signed, AYF/PVL

## KINGSTON AYF

-(Received early October 1991)-A whole lot of projects are under way in Kingston. Some projects include Anarcho-SyndicALE beer label/brewing/video/promotion, etc., Pirate Radio, the UP CHUCK and DI anti-monarchy protests and more. In the brainstorm phase is a paper, a rock against prisons concert (Kingston has a lot of jails), and other un-named things. Best of Luck, John/Kingston AYF

(NOTE:We recently received an update from Kingston that's a page long. It mentions they are involved in a variety of products like a collective zine, anarcho-punk zine, a bi-monthly bulletin, a pamphlet series, a youth drop in center, a paper like LOVE & RAGE in French and English, homebrew, gig promotion and tons of other stuff. How many of these projects actually go on remain to be seen (Something tells me they're spreading themselves a bit thin) The letter will be run next issue, as we have lack of space here)

## A.R.N.

-(Received October 1, 1991)-We're keeping quite busy-street selling, flyposting, spraypainting, and so on, and will be organizing gigs (all of which will be benefits), the first of which will be OI POLLOI and local band OBELISK. The first of many, we hope. We also organize picnics, although our first in June could have been better attended. We are hoping to set up large events along similar lines to that of the London Greenpeace fayre with stalls, videos, and so on, and should be producing our own literature quite soon.

Stay free, David/A.R.N.

## U.A.F.

-(Winter 1991 Update)-The United Anarchist Front is now embarked in two immediately crucial projects:the Students Liberty Press and an alternative media distribution. The S.L.P. being a student oriented newspaper;the distribution being an effort to broaden the channel for getting alternative publications/music to the more "mainstream" masses. All possible methods for maintaining sanity are being utilized.

We gave birth to the S.L.P. back in 1990. Although the paper led a short life-6 months-the feedback from its audience was, to say the least, inspirational. It was distributed at a high school campus, sadly known as La Serna. It primed the reader about the fallacies of government, vivisection, sexism, egoism, "progress through sacrificing the Earth", and other similar topics. Of course, a good number of people, primarily the administrators, found that they could not control the popularity the S.L.P. possessed. Token gestures of respect were given to members of the S.L.P. collective, leading to our stagnation. Needless to say, we were stifled. The paper died.

But don't stop reading! A second incarnation of the S.L.P. is taking place. Although, this time...we're a bit perturbed. Now, like a champagne bottle shaken a little too much, we're exploding. Our campus distribution will include four colleges, three high schools, and some universities. We will mail out subscriptions and drop S.L.P.'s throughout coffee shops. This time..."We ain't defeated! We've only just begun!"

Without sounding rhetorical, it must be said that producing a paper on a tight budget, limited schedules, and a few conflicting viewpoints is not a lovely task. It is a task taken from the late at night to the very early morning.

Secondly, we have the distribution effort in its early incubation. Along with this letter, there should be an advertisement listing the publications, records, and paraphernalia we offer (for a copy, write them-D@n). With time, the amount of materials we carry will grow. If anyone wishes for us to carry something we do not, please drop us a line.

Thirdly, the reader should be informed that we now offer bulk leaflets/fliers. "Society w/o State", "Freedom From The State", "As Long As Government Exists, Peace Cannot", "No War But The Class War" and "Capitalism is Slavery" are all available in lots of 100 for $2.00. The $2.00 is only for the postage. In fact, if you cannot afford the $2.00 send what you can and we'll do our best to get whatever we can to you. Hopefully, this attempt at getting anarchist thoughts abroad will prove successful.

This is the end of this form letter...Yippie! (Fucking YIPPIE! I'm sick of typing-D@n!)

Resist, U.A.F.

P.S. Just wanted to inform you that due to police pressure concerning our "No Pig Zone" poster, we now have a new address (Listed on affiliates page)

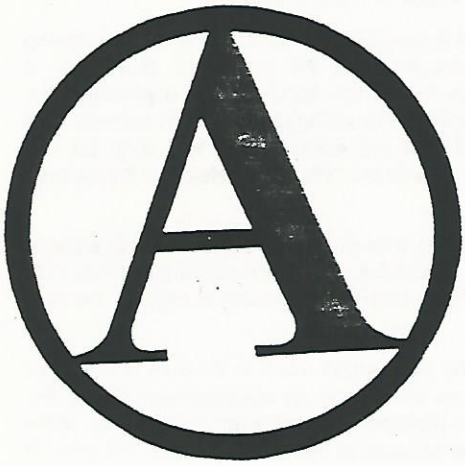
DO NOT FOLLOW
FOR I WILL NOT LEAD
DO NOT LEAD FOR I
WILL NOT FOLLOW

# MORE LOCAL REPORTS

## NYAYF

-(Written December 13, 1991)-Okay folks, I've mentioned stuff we're up to throughout this discussion bulletin, but I might as well state it in a coherent form in this report.

First of all, as a collective NYAYF has been a bit fragmented since the summer, and we've met very infrequently. Folks are still doing stuff under the AYF name, but not in a really unified way. There has been a shift in the group, as a few of the more veteran members are becoming less active in the anarchist struggle and dealing with more personal issues, and new people have expressed interest in getting involved. And we had some infighting between members, as some people seem to be very good at making lots of promises and never fulfilling them. We plan on revising the group in the next two months, first by holding a workshop on ANARCHISM AND YOUTH ACTIVISM (to be held on January 21st), and then by resuming weekly meetings (several new AYF'ers are also moving to the area).



There are four main projects we are working on at the moment. The first is the AYF page for LOVE & RAGE. We've been producing this for the past few months, as well as helping out on the LOVE & RAGE production group (and in other areas of the LOVE & RAGE network).

Second, we are producing this INTERNAL DISCUSSION BULLETIN which you now hold in your hands. This bulletin is to promote debate over internal AYF issues, as well as to make the production of the AYF page a bit easier (we'll have more stuff to choose from, and be up on what the network is doing as a whole).

Third, we are attempting to create a mailing list of non-AYF anarchist groups, publications, bookstores, etc. We then hope to produce a four page AYF news sheet (quarterly or bi-monthly), with the intent of updating the rest of the movement to our activities, so they can get involved and show support (the first one should be produced in late Jan.-early February).

And finally, we continue to run LIFE'S A RIOT! distribution. The distribution has changed its focus from being mostly punk rock records and tapes, to carrying more literature and publications of a political nature. We also have a large variety of organizing materials, from AYF fliers we reproduce, to easily copiable pamphlets, posters, etc. (Enclosed is the most recent catalogue, as well as a few ads, if folks would please run them in sympathetic publications). And T-shirts, patches, etc. are on the way (And no, there will be no band patches. We are producing T-shirts to fund things like this discussion bulletin, not to look cool. Too many people are into "dressing anarchist", but not acting it anything). If you'd like anything distributed in NYC, please write.

These actions are part of an analysis we are attempting to put into action. That analysis is one of more strategic attempts to build the movement (and the AYF) as a whole, and not just blind shots in the dark. Hopefully, when the collective is functioning as a whole again, we will be able to do this on a more local level as well. I want to stress that the AYF should be developing a PRAXIS (a combination of theory and action), and doing things that will truly be useful. Patches, T-shirts, Homebrewing and record distributions are cool (and we do them just like everyone else), but they are not that big a threat to the system. We need to develop a fighting organization, capable of taking on the forces of fascism, capitalism and all the other isms which stand in the way of total freedom and liberation!

Build Resistance! Dan for NYAYF 12.13.91.

# NEW GROUPS

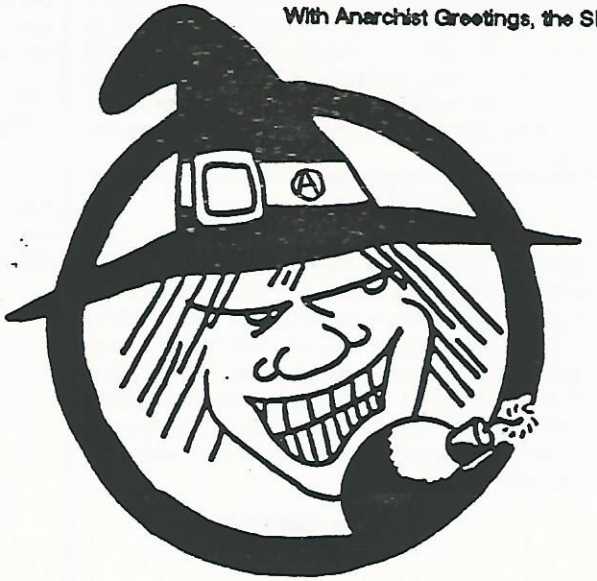
(addresses are all on the affiliate list)

(This introduction is taken from S.FI.A.Y.F.'s first newsletter, which was generously faxed to us by Gustavo of Anarchist Black Cross/Latino Americana)

## SFIAYF

-Hello, and welcome to the first newsletter of the South Florida Anarchist Youth Federation. We are trying to get more people into our group. We started about a month ago. The SFIAYF works for the liberation of all people from all governments, and the people that enslave us (School, Bosses, Police) can't stop us. We fight against all sorts of racist pigs, such as the KKK and the Nazis. We support the struggles of Afro-Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Jews against Racism. The SFIAYF is anti-sexist and we are against discrimination of all sorts. We must have faith in what we believe in. How can we expect to change the world if we don't try? The governments of the world are sitting around while the Earth is quickly decaying. What the fuck have they done? We don't need no governments. We can rule ourselves. Anarchy isn't running around killing each other. Anarchy is freedom! But we must be ready to make a commitment. You can't say "I'm an anarchist", and then not do anything. Be prepared to pledge money, and time. If you truly want freedom you will join us in fighting for a better future.

With Anarchist Greetings, the SFIAYF



## AND YET MORE LOCAL REPORTS

AUTONOME FORUM is an anarchist group based on the campus of Williams college in Massachusetts. They have, at current, 15-25 participants, and engage in a variety of actions, such as demonstrations, tabling and the production of a newsletter (THE PARTY'S OVER).

IMPULSE is a Wisconsin Anarchist Journal, always filled with a wealth of good information on anarchist politics. It has been coming out for several years, and recently affiliated with the AYF.

## OTHER AYF GROUPS RECENTLY FORMED:

Denver Area AYF (Denver, CO), AYF-Middlesbrough (Middlesbrough, England, UK), XAA (Tucson, AZ) & AYF-Eugene (Eugene, OR). A number of others have formed, and we will keep you informed as soon as information is made available to us.

## JUST IN:

PANSY is a zine from the Albany/Purchase area. As of now, two issues are out. They are in the process of forming a local AYF chapter there, so anyone with contacts in the area should get in touch

RAW/IDEA is a zine from the Buffalo area that has been coming out for 1/2 a year now. It has a strong focus on AIDS activism and sexual liberation, and recently affiliated itself as a contact. Those in the Buffalo, NY area please get in touch.

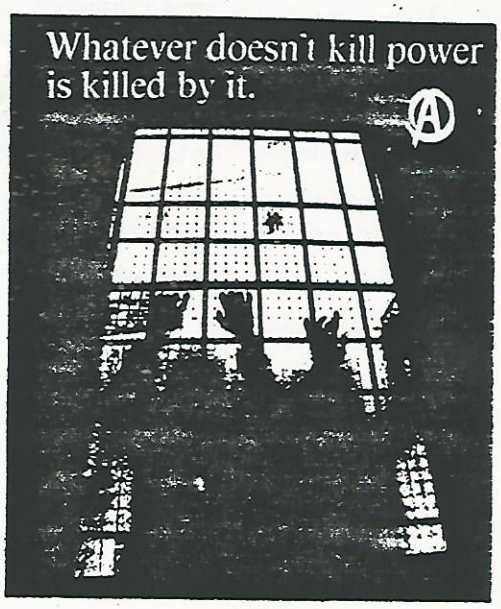
## OLD GROUPS

Mid-South AYF has disbanded. Unfortunately, the P.O. Box is now controlled by the MEMPHIS HARDLINE MILITIA. They have been publishing anti-choice and anti-homosexual fliers. Everyone, please drop them from your contact list. For more info on this, see NYAYF mass mailing #2 (Still Available-see pg. 2), and the minutes from Minneapolis in this bulletin.

Toronto AYF has disbanded due to activists leaving the area. The P.O. Box still can be used for mail to A.C.T. (Artists for Cultural Terrorism) zine, who will soon be doing a literature distribution. Write for details

There is rumor that WCFF (Vancouver, BC) have also called it quits, with key people moving to Kingston. I believe they're still at the old P.O. Box. More later.

Yankee AYF lost their P.O. Box, and are in a state of flux. We will keep you updated as we receive more info.




# PROPOSALS

Okay, here's an idea. If the AYF is going to make a name for itself in the Anarchist community (beyond the rep that we already have of being a bunch of disorganized, drunken punks who have a surprisingly large amount of supporters for the little amount of work we do), we're going to have to start doing some actions. To do that, we're going to have to organize collectively around certain national issues, and plan ahead! And we're going to need a place where folks can propose such actions and projects. This section in the Internal Discussion Bulletin is dedicated to that purpose. How we would vote on whether or not to officially endorse things as a network needs to be resolved at the closest possible time. And we'd probably need a certain amount of time for debate if an issue was controversial. But for all intents and purposes, if each group could read the proposals listed and send in a "yes/no" vote on the ones that require that (like whether or not we want to endorse something), it would really help.

This issue of the bulletin, there are the following proposals:

-AYF Gathering in Dayton, OH (by D.A.C.)

-Update on AYF page, Proposals for how to improve it & why AYF should get more involved in the LOVE & RAGE project (by Dan/NYAYF)

-AYF Endorsement of Election Boycott? (by Chris Day/LOVE & RAGE network)

-AYF Endorsement of Radicalize Earth Day campaign (By the Youth Greens)

-Mid-South Regional gathering (by Eric/AAN)

-The Free Silvia Baraldini campaign and why the AYF should support it (by Dan/NYAYF)

-AYF Invitation to Affiliate w/Bulgarian AYF? (By Dan/NYAYF)

-Does the AYF want to Join the Anarchist Labor Network (by Mike Kolhoff)

-What About Mid-South (or:Do We Need An AYF Political Statement?) (by Jon George/IMPULSE)

-The Case For An AYF Political Statement (By Dan/NYAYF)

(NOTE:We received the following letter from D.A.C. in October. Since then, they have had a planning meeting for the gathering, and the idea was overwhelmingly supported. They have a tentative date, but I'm not sure of when it is. Stay tuned for further info. Also, for a more complete list of stuff which needs to be discussed at the gathering (this letter lists a few), check out the Minneapolis mini-gathering notes & the "topics to be discussed" list-Dan/NYAYF)

## PROPOSAL FOR AN AYF GATHERING IN DAYTON, OHIO

Dear AYF folks,

You probably received the Minneapolis AYF update that mentioned there was going to be a gathering in Ohio, probably in October. Well, it was half right--we would like to host a gathering but it is not happening this month. We are tentatively looking toward early next spring (primarily because driving conditions may prevent people from coming if we hold it in the winter) but we are definitely open to suggestions--when do you think it should be?

There seems to be a definite need for an AYF gathering as we are growing so quickly. Some of the things that people see a need to address are (these points have been raised at the AYF meeting at the LOVE & RAGE conference, in the most recent GLF newsletter "The CATCH!" and in the AYF Minn. update):

@ whether or not we need to come up with some kind of statement about what the AYF is, stands for, its vision, etc. Primarily to prevent racist, sexist and/or homophobic fucks from claiming to be AYF.

@ the AYF page in LOVE & RAGE, how best to utilize it, produce it, etc (NYAYF are currently doing a great job)

@ trying to make the AYF a little less centralized--the specific point raised was concerning how new groups become affiliates

There are probably many other ideas but these are the main ones we've heard raised. Time will be set aside to talk about these and other ideas. What concerns/issues/ideas do you have concerning the AYF? If we all get together this would be the perfect time to bring them up.

In our area, there is also a need for networking, etc, so we would also like to take advantage of this time for a regional gathering. There will be some time for workshops too so we need suggestions and volunteers for those. Of course, we will need some money if we are going to pull this off. Any benefits/donations will be greatly appreciated.

The first planning meeting will be Saturday, November 9th, if you can come please do (call for details). If not, write and tell us your ideas, concerns, complaints, etc. so that we can attempt to meet everybody's needs.

Write back soon and just let us know if you're into this, and if you have a rough idea of how many people will be coming it would be great to help us plan ahead (of course spring is a long way off and things are bound to change but just take a wild guess).

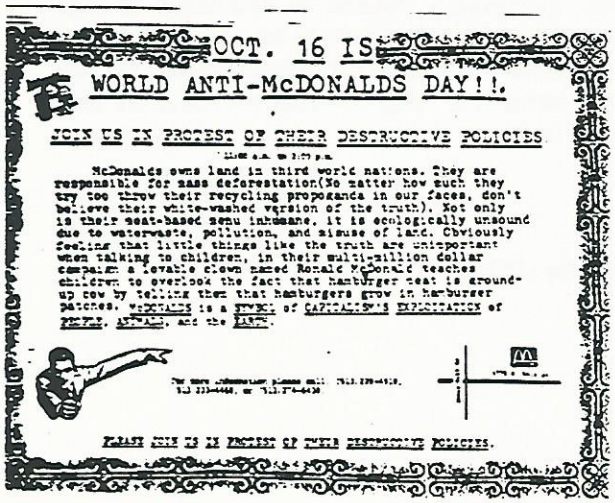
This letter is really boring and makes the gathering sound like a drag but with all those young, sexy AYFers in one place there will be plenty of partying going on!

Love and Kisses,

D.A.C. xxx

P.O. Box 3316

Dayton, OH 45401




FROM DAYTON ANTI-McDONALD'S DEMO ↑

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you looking for Anarchist books, periodicals and pamphlets? If so, send a $1 and get hold of the new LEFT BANK DISTRIBUTION catalogue. It has literally everything! 55 pages (newsprint) filled to the rim makes them the largest North Amerikkkan distro. of anti-authoritarian printed matter. They can be reached at 4142 Brooklyn NE, Seattle, WA 98105. Most highly recommended!

# A.Y.F. PRODUCTION REPORT & PROPOSALS (21)

**by Dan/NY-AYF**

As of this Bulletin, three AYF pages have been produced by NY-AYF for LOVE & RAGE (they appear in Vol.2 issues 7,8 & 9). To be honest, they've been okay, but not great (certainly not the incredible thing we pictured in Minneapolis). There are a number of reasons for this. The most obvious is the fact that I'm not yet able to master LOVE & RAGE's desktop publishing program. Hopefully, this will be corrected in the near future. It also has to do with the fact that there have been few submissions to the page. I attribute this to two reasons. The first is that the AYF affiliates are not unified at the present moment. Because we are so loosely organized, and because many of us thought the AYF would amount to a name only/little action group that never accomplished anything, many folks don't feel their activities warrant mentioning on the page. I'm here to say they do.

Furthermore, most people who consider themselves AYF'ers do not read LOVE & RAGE yet. They did read PROFANE EXISTENCE every month, which made it easier for the page to exist there. We need to get them reading LOVE & RAGE every month, and submitting. I have a few proposals to get them to do this.

PROPOSAL 1-Please write NYAYF, and tell us about protests, workshops, leafletting, actions (be more careful if they're illegal i.e. use pseudonyms and write anonymously) etc. them so we can put them on the page and in this bulletin. If the AYF page continues to have news pertinent to the AYF, more AYF'ers will read it.

PROPOSAL 2-Every group which has the ability should distribute LOVE & RAGE every month. It is great for tabling, street selling, giving out at shows, and has excellent coverage of the North Amerikkkan movement. Furthermore, it's cheap ($3.50 for 10 copies) and proves anarchists can have a deep analysis relevant to the current world situation.

If these two factors don't change, then the page will continue to be made up of what I can piece together from what people tell me in their letters. And I won't give a shit if there are complaints that it's boring, lacks news, etc. Which brings me to the next problem. I (& two other NYAYF'ers) have total control over what goes on to the page (and we're not happy about it). In Minneapolis, due to lack of time, we decided that we'd create an editorial structure that would resolve problems which occurred on the page at the Youth Lib. gathering in Ottawa. It didn't happen. We need create a decision making structure, and quick. If not, the page will reflect only our warped personalities.

PROPOSAL 4-A federative structure of one or two representatives chosen by each local group should be made up. These should be contact people who would be in touch with the AYF production group in New York city, and could flow news to us and submissions for the page. Furthermore, if a decision needed to be made, the representative could contact the rest of the group and they could vote on a proposal and then call it in. In this way we'd be able to make decisions quick. And it would also allow us to pull off emergency actions locally in a very speedy manner (dude!).

And then there's the endless soap opera called money. The page costs money to produce. Lots of it. And we're not footing the bill. For those of you not aware, LOVE & RAGE has people who pledge money each month to support the paper. This enables them to maintain an office, facilitator, etc. Their monthly budget is $2,250. The AYF page costs about $200. to produce each month. AYF'ers pledge about $50./month (which comes from 4 or 5 people). We're living off other people's hospitality. If we want to continue to keep this page, we've got to start paying up. That means that we're going to have to raise some cash every month. If not, kiss the AYF page good-bye. (LOVE & RAGE has now stated that groups listed in the paper as supporters should pay $25. a month to be listed. (This fee will be waived for those who can truly not afford it). This sounds steep, but in a group of 5 people that's $5 a person. Also, for 25 dollars groups will receive 75 copies of the paper, which easily allows them to make the money back.)

PROPOSAL 6:Local groups who can afford the $25. fee should get listed on the paper. Those who can't should consider how important the AYF page is to them, and if it is, should become pledges. $10. a month really helps the paper, and if 20 people decided they could swing it, we'd be paying our own way.

Lots of AYF folks get bundles of papers to distribute. In case folks don't know YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR THOSE. The deal is .35 per paper (or $3.50 for 10). They sell for a buck. I know that less than $100. has come in from AYF distributors since the paper began. They've given us well over 1,000 papers. That's a deficit almost as big as the federal government has run up.

PROPOSAL 7:LOVE & RAGE REALLY needs that money. If folks can afford to send $5. towards their bill it helps. Any amount does. If the paper is to keep consistent, it needs a constant influx of cash and distributors are a main source of that.

Finally, I'd like to stress how important AYF is to LOVE & RAGE and vice-versa. The anarchist movement went through a long period in this country where it was inactive, and confined to the heads of historians and theorists. Since the early 80's, a new, more serious movement dedicated to militancy and action has developed. I'd like to think AYF fits into that. LOVE & RAGE does too. We may have some differences, but we have a lot more in common. And both groups are getting things done. Imagine how strong we could be if we were united?

PROPOSAL 8:LOVE & RAGE has a focus and a direction. People involved in the project have a loose idea of where they'd like to go. The AYF doesn't have as much of an idea, but we are developing one. And there's a lot we can learn from others' experience. At the moment, LOVE & RAGE is making a particular focus against racism, the upcoming election and the 500th anniversary of Columbus' invasion of America. These are important issues, and I would urge AYF'ers to get involved in them, as well as LOVE & RAGE. This way, we insure that our actions are not just shots in the dark, but powerful blows to the system, and that the anarchist movement has a bright future well into the next century.

(NOTE ON THE PROPOSAL FOR THE AYF ENDORSEMENT OF ELECTION BOYCOTT:There has been a plan in the works for over a year now within the LOVE & RAGE network to organize a successful boycott of the 1992 Presidential Elections. When I say successful, I mean that those who abstain from voting will do it as a conscious political statement that elections will never change anything, and not just because they don't think any of the politicians are worth it (this attitude often holds the ideal that one day a good candidate will come along, which anarchists know is full of shit). They are also planning to hold actions against the Democratic and Republican Conventions (the Democrats will be holding theirs in New York City!). The Boycott proposal was first officially brought up at the LOVE & RAGE conference in Minneapolis. Since then it's support has grown, as organizers have been making allegiances with folks in the Black and Latino liberation movements. If we are to become a major force behind the Boycott, the AYF has got to get involved soon. So read this proposal NOW, and tell me whether or not I should give the Boycott organizers our endorsement-Dan/NYAYF)

## The 1992 Presidential Election Boycott

In 1992 there will be an organized campaign to boycott the 1992 Presidential Elections. Anarchists will be playing a very prominent role in organizing this campaign. The Anarchist Youth Federation should seriously consider joining the coalition of groups that is coming together to build the campaign.

### Why a Boycott?

It shouldn't be too difficult to convince a group of anarchists not to vote. Historically anarchists have consistently refused to participate in capitalist elections. There are lots of reasons for this position. Basically it comes down to refusing to take part in a process that creates the impression of people having control over decisions that effect their lives when that power really remains in the hands of a small elite.

Often other decently motivated people attack anarchists for refusing to vote saying things like "Sure the system is rigged, but your vote can still make a difference, the Democrats won't be as bad as the Republicans." Anarchists often respond that "Both parties are the same." It is important for us to understand that this isn't true, there are real differences between what the Democrats and Republicans will do on all sorts of issues that effect peoples lives. We need to respond instead that the differences between the Democrats and the Republicans are differences over how to maintain a system that is destroying us and that the elections are an essential part of how they manage to pacify people's outrage at the system by channelling it into electoral campaigns.

The problem with saying this is then we have to point to a revolutionary alternative to the elections, a movement that people can join that can really threaten the system. We don't have that kind of movement or organization yet. Part of the problem though is that the elections will drain away a lot of people who are right now in the process of becoming radicalized, people who could make such a movement possible.

### A Boycott Campaign

There is a big difference between an election boycott campaign and just not voting. An election boycott campaign means building a coalition of different groups that want to boycott the elections, a coalition that is as broad as possible, including as many non-anarchists as possible. An election boycott campaign means hammering out some common slogans and political demands for the coalition so that we can link the boycott to various struggles that are going on. It means putting out common posters and literature in cities across the country so that the boycott seems like a well organized effort that is worth taking seriously.

What this is not

Every time there is a presidential election a crew of anarchists put together some sort of "Nobody for President" campaign and carry out various theatrical escapades aimed at ridiculing the elections. It is the intention of the organizers of the 1992 Boycott to avoid repeating these largely insignificant efforts and build a campaign that challenges the elections in a serious political way that encourages other forces to join the boycott instead of regarding it as an amusing joke. This is not to say that theater won't have an important place in this campaign but that it is important that we pay careful attention to building real support for the effort and to expressing a coherent critique of the spectacle of the elections.

A Boycott coalition

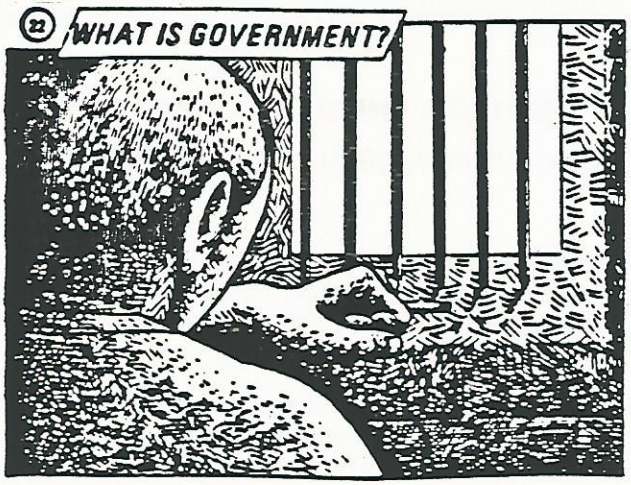
The process is already under way to build the coalition. So far the coalition includes the Love and Rage Network, the Left Green Network and the Youth Greens. We are talking with other radical groups: socialists, Black and Puerto Rican nationalists, other radical ecologists and so on. And of course we want other anarchist groups to participate in the coalition as well. There will be a preliminary meeting of boycott supporters in late November to set up a broader meeting that would establish the coalition. It would be great if the AYF could be at the first meeting as well as the second.

The Potential of a Boycott

We are hoping that the Boycott can provide an umbrella for all sorts of anti-elections activity in 1992 including demonstrations at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in addition to smaller actions, postering and spraypainting, and other educational activity. The AYF could use the campaign as a way to reach thousands of youth who are otherwise unlikely to encounter the organization. And the spirit of the AYF could do a lot to make the campaign a vibrant and militant one that will really challenge the powers that be.

The process by which the AYF makes decisions on this scale is not clear to me, but however you do it I hope you are able to decide to join the boycott coalition as soon as possible.

Christopher Day

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(NOTE:Below is a call put out by the Youth Greens to Radicalize Earth Day. It appeared in FREE SOCIETY (Journal of the Youth Greens listed in PUBLICATIONS section). The YG's are an eco-anarchist network with a strong focus on social ecology, They're involved in a variety of projects such as LOVE & RAGE and the Left Green Network. Local AYF groups should send in whether or not they'd like to endorse this call so we can give them the go ahead to put us on the list of supporters)

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## YOUTH GREEN CALL TO RADICALIZE EARTH DAY

As the ecological crisis worsens, the attempt by corporations and politicians to harness the public anxiety for their own opportunistic uses has increased immensely. Lately we have seen everyone from Dow Chemicals to George Bush raising the green banner of environmental concern and sensitivity. Since its twentieth anniversary two years ago, Earth Day has emerged as contested ground for defining the issues of ecology and ways out of the current crisis.

A society based fundamentally on domination and hierarchy must also treat the natural world with the same objectification and destruction. The point is we will not solve the ecological crisis until we solve the social crises that produces it. To this end, we call for Earth Day actions that draw the connections between social and ecological exploitation, and that target the forces of domination that perpetuate both.

In 1990, radical Earth Day actions happened around the continent that successfully brought together diverse groups in attempts particularly to highlight the contradictions between capitalism and ecology. On Wall Street and in the San Francisco financial district, attempts were made to disrupt trading for the day through combinations of mobile affinity groups, street theater, and more traditional civil disobedience. Creative and radical actions also took place in OR,VT, OH, MI WI & MN.

Continuing this legacy, we are calling for decentralized local and/or regional Radicalize Earth Day events around the continent. One example might be land takeovers to create liberated spaces for community gardens, green space or other local needs. Other ideas might include targeting local financial institutions with particularly heinous social or ecological practices, street theater, anti-capitalist fairs, etc.

We see radicalizing Earth Day as a process rather than a singular event. To this end we strongly encourage educational activities such as study groups, teach-ins, and the production of local literature that take on the questions of the connection between ecology and other forms of domination such as sexism, heterosexism, racism, economic oppression, and state control of our lives. Connections can also be made to energy issue such as nuclear power, offshore and wilderness oil exploration and the need to develop community power through renewable energy sources.

This call was initiated by the Youth Greens to be endorsed and further developed by anti-authoritarian and grassroots ecology groups and other affinity groups, collectives, etc around the continent. We'd like to use the Youth Greens newsletter as one means of communication.

To endorse the call, or for further information about who else might be organizing events in your region, contact the Youth Green Clearinghouse.

## INFO. ON THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ANARCHIST GATHERING

(Excerpted from SOUTHEASTERN REG. @ GATHERING BULLETIN #1)

Greetings-

In the event that you haven't heard there is a southeast regional anarchist gathering being planned for early-to-mid 1992. As the movement grows, we in the southeast tend to be lagging behind. It is hoped that this gathering will allow us to build the kind of movement that we feel is necessary in order to go forward in the future. We also hope to see a coming together of the broad spectrum of anarchists.

(Mid-March has been proposed for the gathering. A bunch of workshops are in the works. Fund Raising is desperately needed. Folks are needed to act as coordinators for their region (to spread the word, organize car pooling, etc.) Send a stamp/donation for latest update bulletin).

For more info.: ERIC/AAN SUITE 147, 3325 LORNA RD. #2 P.O. BOX 360999 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35236

BRICK P.O. BOX 1153 RUSSELLVILLE, AL 35653

# THE FREE SILVIA BARALDINI CAMPAIGN, AND WHY THE AYF SHOULD SUPPORT IT

**By DAN/NYAYF**

Silvia Baraldini is an Italian citizen. She has been held as a political prisoner in the U.S. since 1982, and is currently serving a 43 year sentence for conspiracy (a crime that usually gets no more than 12 years). Her charges included conspiracy to commit bank robbery, and to free Assata Shakur, a famous Black Liberation Army prisoner, from jail. For two years, Silvia, along with other political prisoners Susan Rosenberg and Alejadrina Torres, was subjected to psychological torture in the Lexington Control Unit.

Silvia was an active opponent of the Vietnam War during the 1960's. In the 1970's she worked in the white community against racism, and in support of the rights of colonized people to self-defense and armed resistance. She's worked in community groups for gay and lesbian liberation, and founded a material aid campaign for Zimbabwe (evidence of her concern for international liberation movements).

She has been refused repatriation to Italy, in spite of her sister's tragic death in 1990 and her own battle with uterine cancer. There is a movement to have Silvia transferred to Italy to have her sentence carried out there, where the prisons are more humane and less crowded than in the United States. This movement has been supported by the Italian government, 90% of the Italian parliament, and a coalition of wimmin's groups, and yet has still been denied by the Justice Department. The right to repatriation to ones home country is guaranteed by the Strusbourgh Convention, an international treaty signed by the U.S. and Italy, among other countries.

The Justice Department has held her back due to "Ms.Baraldini's refusal to cooperate" and her "lack of remorse for any of her crimes". In reality, she is being persecuted for her radical political stances, which she refuses to give up on.

Silvia Baraldini is one of over 100 political prisoners and Prisoners of War held in the United States of America. They include members of the Black, Latino and Native American liberation movements, the Puerto Rican independence movement, the wimmin's and queer communities, the Anti-imperialist movement, the Peace movement and several from the Anarchist movement as well. They are all imprisoned for their politics, and attempting to put these beliefs into action. For this they have been labelled "terrorists" by the U.S. government, and have received unusually harsh treatment (in the form of prison isolation, extra-long sentences, torture, etc.).

Not surprisingly, these prisoners are seldom supported by the authoritarian left, who hope to distance themselves so they will not be perceived as extremists (by "authoritarian" I mean parties such as Spartacists League, International Socialist League, Workers World, etc.). They have been all but swept under the rug, with the exception of the support they get from their individual movements/communities.

In the last two years, a movement has been gaining momentum (lead in part by FREEDOM NOW!) to unite all these struggles under the banner of freeing U.S. political prisoners. There have been several conferences, demonstrations and an international tribunal was held in October of 1990 in New York City condemning the United States government for their illegal acts of persecution. FREEDOM NOW! is also planning to hold demonstrations on the 500th anniversary of Columbus calling attention to the continued repression of American Indian prisoners, as well as those from other struggles.

Prisoner support is a key element in the success of all revolutionary movements. Unfortunately, there has been far from enough in recent years in regards to the anarchist movement and the left in general. Our comrades rot in jail, and are forced to fight the battle alone. If (as we are hoping) the anarchist and other movements catch on in the U.S. in coming years, many more of us are sure to get sent down. This is the inevitable reality of building a revolution. But a strong prisoner support movement can make the stay far shorter and more bearable.

Furthermore, individuals are less likely to engage in necessary actions (bank expropriations, armed actions, etc.) if there is not a movement to support them when they get caught. And those in jail are likely to give up the struggle, to make prison life easier and face less repression.

Finally, strong anarchist involvement in the prisoner support movement gives us more credibility with Black, Latino, American Indian, Wimmin's, Queer and other movements who are at present well under-represented in anti-authoritarian circles. We become allies as opposed to outsiders, and struggle in solidarity with the oppressed.

Here's what I'd like to see the AYF do. I'd like to see the AYF get involved in prisoner support coalitions, endorse liberation campaigns, participate in and organize demonstrations, raise funds, write prisoners and help out in any other necessary way. Not as a "vanguard" where we are seeking to lead the movement, but because it is in our interests to do so. It's not hard. Groups already exist that are doing such work, it just relies on us making contact, and offering to get involved. The work is hard, but necessary and rewarding. Perhaps at the gathering we can plan a cohesive campaign to get things together. Till then, I urge people to get in touch with the groups listed below and get more information. These are real peoples lives we are talking about, there is no time to waste!

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ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS (NYC)
P.O. BOX 20521
THOMPKINS SQ. STA.
NEW YORK, NY 10009

RELEASE SILVIA COMMITTEE!
3543 18TH STREET, BOX 30
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94110

COMMITTEE TO END THE MARION LOCKDOWN (CEML)
P.O. BOX 578172
CHICAGO, IL 60657-8172

FREEDOM NOW!
59 E. VAN BUREN
CHICAGO, IL 60605

# AN AYF INVITATION TO AFFILIATE WITH THE BULGARIAN AYF?



**By Dan/NYAYF**

Thanks to comrades in Neither East nor West/NYC, and the Workers Solidarity Alliance/NYC, I became aware of the existence of an anarchist youth group that exists in Bulgaria. The FAM (Federatsia na Anarhistichnata Mladej), also known as the Bulgarian Anarchist Youth Federation was started sometime in the Spring of 1990. They're involved in a variety of actions in their country, from demonstrations to workshops, to helping publish the @ journal "Free Thought". At the present time, they have about 100 members.

Upon hearing this, I was very excited. The revolutions in the Eastern Bloc are moving fast and furious, and although a large portion of the people are being conned into dreams of capitalist "democracy", a large anarchist movement is developing as well. The amount of success and repression these people face may have a lot to do with the amount of support Western Anarchists give them. There, money for fliers, bust funds, etc. is even more scarce, and crackdowns are still more frequent.

But anarchism continues, and this is a tremendous opportunity to spread our revolutionary ideas. Because the situation is so volatile, and people will no doubt soon be disillusioned with the chains of capitalism, they will be looking for a third way. Many have already turned to fascism, as is especially apparent in what was East Germany. The fascists there also have the advantage of strong financial and political support from racists in America such as W.A.R. and the Klan.

But their other option, the one we hope the people of the Eastern nations will choose, is anarchism. Again, in order to become a major political force, the anarchists there will have to out organize the Nazis, and this means they'll need strong financial backing as well as support. This has worked in the past. When NYDAC (Predecessor to NYAYF) existed, we were twinned with a Polish @-youth group called MOVEMENT. On several occasions, we held solidarity demonstrations for imprisoned activists, to publicize actions, etc. & many times it worked (such as people being released, etc.). Revolutionary solidarity really is strength, and a necessary part of a movement which sees itself as international.

My suggestion is that we get in touch with the Bulgarian AYF and ask if they'd like to be added to our affiliate list. Furthermore, that we keep in close contact with them and when they need help to raise money. support for prisoners (through protests and letter writing campaigns, etc.), publicizing actions, etc. that we do it. And if people have any other ideas for ways to express solidarity we could do that, too.

Finally, I'd like to add that I have a list of 50 or so anarchist groups from countries like the USSR, Rumania, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and more all of whom have active young people working with them. If our contact with Bulgaria works out, I would suggest we extend the hand of greeting to all these folks and build strong borderless coalition of anti-authoritarian youth capable of fucking shit up on an international scale! What do folks think? I await responses.

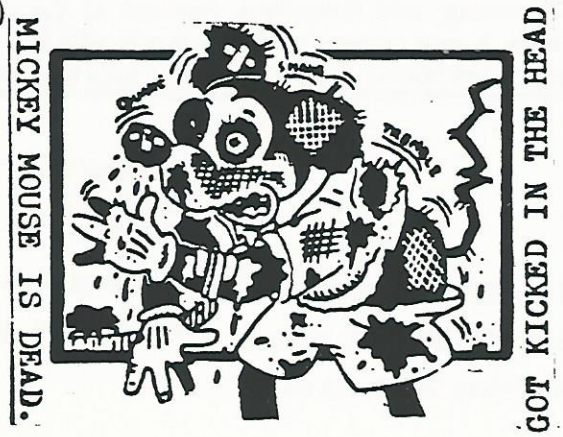
The Bulgarian AYF can be contacted at: Federation of @ Youth

Todor Riznikoff

Tr.Kostov No. 4 Et.4

Sofia, Bulgaria

(For more on the rise of fascism in East Germany, I have an excellent article from THE VILLAGE VOICE on the growth of Nazi skins there. For a copy, send $.50)



# BULGARIAN ANARCHIST YOUTH



The following is a statement from the Bulgarian AYF that appeared in EAST EUROPEAN NEWS, an anarchist paper published by the Workers Solidarity Alliance-East European Working Group, dedicated to covering anti-authoritarian struggles in the East. It's highly recommended. For a copy, send $1 to:

**339 Lafayette St. Room 202, New York, NY 10012**

We are the Federation of Anarchist Youth of Bulgaria. In Bulgaria there are two mass organizations of anarchists: the FAM (Our organization-Federatsia na Anarhistichnata Mladej) and the FAB (Federation of Anarchists in Bulgaria). There is also something of a group of anarcho-syndicalists and anarcho-pacifist group in Plovdiv.

The FAM has about 100 members and sympathizers (about 50-50%)*. The FAB has about 400 members, mainly veteran anarchists who passed from facist concentration camps to communist concentration camps.

On October 15, 1990 the magazine "Free Thought" was printed. This is the first legal anarchist publication to be printed since 1947.

FAM has participated in street demostrations in the months of June through August 1990 in Sofia: street blocades and barricades, protesting in a tent camp on President Square, etc.

Now we are in the process of organizing. We are a young organization — on June 22, 1990 we held our constituent meeting. Our number one enemy remains the marxists. We suppose that soon we shall have serious enemies in the face of different nationalistic, monarchistic and conservative religious parties. With the democratic movements and organizations there now exists a tacit coalition. But we suppose that they first shall start the "war" against us (we hope not to the letter).

The last of our actions was a protest funeral march on November 7 against Marxist rule, now and before, and a demostration in front of the Soviet emoassy after the "Bloody Sunday" [massacre], in Vilnius [Lithiuana] which took place on January 14, 1991.**

Sofia, Bulgaria

* FAM groups exist in the following Bulgarian cities: Varna, Gabrovo, Sofia and Plovdiv.

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## INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ANARCHIST LABOR NETWORK

Dear Comrades,

We are writing to ask your participation in the Anarchist Labor Network. We realize that you may not consider yourselves anarchist unionists, but we feel that based on what we know of AYF, that you are definitely a class struggle anarchist formation. In this we share a basic common idea: the idea of class struggle and class war. We may well pursue different tactical goals in this struggle, but our strategic aims are the same. We want to create as close to an anarchist society as possible within the span of our lifetimes. We are willing to fight to make this happen.

It is certainly not required that you accept all or any of the program of anarcho-syndicalism to participate in the ALN. Only that you recognize the important role that working people will play in the destruction of the slaughterhouse system. In short, that you be up for the class struggle in all its forms, be they autonomous workers groups, councils, unions, confederations of unions, or the single person alone in a hostile environment, angry, defiant and ready to fight.

*We hope to hear from you soon.*

In Solidarity,

Mike Kolhoff

Anarchist Labor Network

(NOTE:NY-AYF has officially joined the ALN. The question that seems to be arising is whether the decision to join the ALN should be up to local groups, or whether the whole of the AYF should get their name on the ALN contact list. I bring this up because it seems a few of the AYF locals do not see class struggle/war as central to anarchism (Specifically, people stating they didn't like the "Keep Warm-Burn Out The Rich", "We Hate Yuppies", and "Bash the Rich!" stickers NYAYF put together because rich folks deserve a chance, too (?)). What do folks think? Perhaps this should be decided at the gathering)

# WHAT ABOUT MID-SOUTH? (OR:DO WE NEED AN AYF POLITICAL STATEMENT?)

**BY JON GEORGE (Originally printed in THE CATCH, GLF NEWS #2)**

Speaking of expulsion, let's discuss on a more serious note the core beliefs that bind the AYF affiliates together. According to the AYF update, Mid-South has disbanded. Until this officially happened, there had been some preliminary discussion (at the L&R conference) about the possibility of purging the Mid-South AYF. This course of action was a response to certain anti-choice, and, if I remember right, homophobic comments written or distributed by Mid-South AYF or some of its members.

As the number of AYF affiliates grows, we can expect increasing divergence and differing perspectives among members views. Of course, diversity is to be encouraged. But is there a bottom line? Is there a set of core beliefs about anarchism or about the world in general that distinguishes the AYF? Are people who do not share these beliefs, or are in opposition to them, to be excluded from the AYF? How would this exclusionary process function?

Let me make a few suggestions:First, I do not want to see any official AYF political statements or that sort of crap. One of the best things about the AYF and about the AYFers that I know is slack. Slack is the ability to hang loose, get along, be accepting. Of course, slack does not mean saying "groovy" when the Hitler Youth apply for affiliation. Slack is the idea of no formal rules coupled with the good sense to realize when, nevertheless, someone is way out of line. I propose slack as our policy with common sense as our guide. I fully believe if a person or group in the AYF truly warranted expulsion, the rest of us would spontaneously come to a consensus about it.

Then again, I could be wrong. What do you think? And what do you think are essential beliefs for AYF members? One last thing to think about: My AYF starter kit has quite a few pamphlets from Mid-South in it. Now that they're gone, the rest of us have to be ready to take up the slack. Or let out the slack? Hmmm....

MORE A.Y.F. NEWS FROM WILLIAMSTOWN

## Judge dismisses graffiti case against Williams anarchist

A judge has dismissed charges against a Williams College senior accused of slapping political stickers on a public telephone after the student submitted a point-by-point written condemnation of the charge.

Self-described anarchist Brian M. Coan was arrested by Williamstown police last month and charged with wanton destruction of personal property after he was followed at a run down Spring Street by a college security officer.

Coan's arrest by police followed a series of graffiti acts going back many months. College officials were especially annoyed when someone spray-painted an "eat the rich" slogan on the door of the college-owned Taconic Golf Club.

In Northern Berkshire District Court last week, Judge Rita S. Koenigs heard approximately 30 minutes of argument between Coan, who represented himself, and a county prosecutor. She then found Coan innocent.

Coan argued Oct. 16 his act was not wanton or malicious, that there was no destruction of the telephone and that the telephone is private, not public, property, since it belongs to New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. He called the charge "somewhat ridiculous, a waste of time and clearly politically motivated."

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## Coan in court today; claims he's followed by Williams security

Avowed 'anarchist' Brian M. Coan, charged by town police earlier this month with "malicious destruction of personal property" for putting political stickers on a public telephone, says he was followed on Oct. 19 by Williams College security officers.

Chief of Security Ransom H. Jenks says he has no knowledge of such surveillance and believes it did not occurred.

Coan, a three-time selectman candidate, was due in Northern Berkshire District Court today (Wednesday) in a further hearing on the charge. He said he will argue the property – belonging to New England Telephone Co. – is not public property.

Coan says two friends visiting for the weekend brought with them a police-band radio and monitored what they believed were conversations among Williams security officers describing Coan's movements among campus buildings.

"I think its kind of disturbing because I think it is a violation of my civil liberties," says Coan, a Williams senior. "It's definitely harassment. It's definitely an invasion of privacy."

Jenks says specifically that officers were not following Coan around. But he says that sort of activity -- broadly speaking – is what they do all the time.

"Security people will do things for security sake alone," says Jenks. "If someone is acting suspiciously they might watch them. That is what they are here for."

# THE CASE FOR AN AYF POLITICAL STATEMENT

**BY DAN/NYAYF (Originally printed as a letter to THE CATCH in response to the above article)**

In Minneapolis, I was one of the folks who thought we should drop the LOVE & RAGE political statement, as it was too "lefty" (ie boring, stuffy, etc.) But, after a few months working in the office (hence, frequent arguments on this topic), & experience working with other communities (Black, Latino, Queer, Wimmin's, etc.) I have since changed my position & I think the political statement is an important tool in @ organizing. Basically, I came to the obvious conclusion that anarchists are quite a varied bunch. There's the neo-pagans, individualists, lifestylists, satan-archists, pacifists, situationists, class war types, etc., etc. A million strands, all preaching their version of "anarchy". In the eyes of the left, we're mostly perceived as a bunch of chaos causing nihilists/individualists who hate everything and have no political agenda/direction. In the eyes of the public, we're either bomb-throwing nuts or carrot worshipping, drug addicted hippy freakazoids. With stereotypes such as these, it's no wonder we seem to attract more crazies than actual people who should have a vested interest in the big circle @.

LOVE & RAGE represents one faction of the anarchist movement: the revolutionaries & those who want to do something NOW. I should hope the AYF is the same in that respect (revolutionary, and interested in action, though from recent stuff I've heard I'm not so sure). For that reason, I'm going to make a lot of comparisons between LOVE & RAGE's past experiences with the political statement, and the AYF debate going on right now.

Both LOVE & RAGE and AYF have got one hell of a bad rep to live down (Thanks to the capitalist media, and many of our loony "comrades" into carrot worship and mudpeople). We're going to have to convince the left (by that, I mean the left that's not party bureaucrat bullshitters. That's Black & Latino militants, and the rank & file of lefty groups like RCP, WWP, SWP, etc. who still have blind faith that the party can make revolution and represents their interests), the public and everyone else that we have defined politics, a direction to work in & that it applies to their lives. That ain't easy. Making a "political statement" lays our vision, beliefs and goals out in a concise manner, and is one way of communicating our views.

Also, as I mentioned above, LOVE & RAGE is one of the first current @ papers to reach out to sections of the population @'s have avoided in recent years (the poor, blacks, latinos, queers, wimmin, youth, etc. Some folks will argue that this ain't true, and @'s have targeted these groups. If that's so, how come there are so many straight, white, well educated men in the movement, and so few of the above others?). Again, the AYF should be targeting these groups, too (hopefully it will one day get its ass out of the punk rock ghetto). These folks (above oppressed groups) frequently don't know Anarchists sympathize with (and often engage in) their struggles. When they open the pages of LOVE & RAGE, they may not see articles which directly concern them. Furthermore, if they see a bunch of white, middle-class punks and hippies sitting around discussing homebrew, goofiness and hardcore crust-o-rama, they may get the wrong idea as well). But, if they see in the political statement that we support queer lib., or Puerto Rican liberation struggles they may see that anarchists offer a tangible thing to their struggles:that being an anti-authoritarian, non-hierarchal analysis.

Finally, a political statement really helps in terms of process. In Minneapolis, we collectively agreed to dump Mid-South AYF. There was no problem, as they had recently disbanded. But what if they had fought it? And what about the other nutjobs out there who consider themselves "AYF" but continue to be homophobic, beat their girlfriends, are sexist, anti-choice, etc.? (I've met a lot of them) Many folks feel they are a minority, but it only takes one of them to get on TV & spout bullshit, or talk at an anti-racist meeting about "black racism", for us to be heavily discredited. A political statement would help rectify this. It would give us a basis upon which to expel idiots, it would keep wingnuts out and would make sure one fool couldn't make us all look like fools. I know this from first hand experience. Few folks outside New York will remember NYDAC (Predecessor to AYF) but that group basically broke down after cops, RCP infiltrators, pacifist "legalize hemp" folks and other assorted uglies flooded the group. And because we were "open", there was no way to boot them (always some hippy would say, "That's being fascist" & "You're purging folks just like Stalin"). That whole "slack" thing doesn't work in practice. And if you let any nut into meetings, you can be assured that collectivism, not talking over other people, respecting wimmin and those not outspoken will all go right out the door. The way I see it, because the AYF has no official "Membership" or screening process, I think the political statement is a must.

I hope this answers some of your questions on the AYF political statement debate. I'd also be interested in hearing folks who are anti-political statement, and how they would resolve the above problems. And remember, just because we want to state our beliefs does not mean it has to come out dry or boring!

Stay discontent, D@n /NYAYF

# PUBLICATIONS

Because we work on the AYF page and run a distribution, NY-AYF tends to receive a ton of publications from other @ groups. Some are good, and some suck. But all are at least an effort to make a creative change, and they'll be listed each issue so folks can network with them and drop them a line. Also, they've shown an obvious interest in youth lib. and the AYF by writing, so they should all get some credit for that. We won't "review" the following, as personal opinions should have no bearing on whether people write. Instead we'll merely list content and addresses. (In the future, this section may be reduced to just the list of publications who are going to receive the external AYF newsletter, both to save space and make sure groups listed give a shit what we say).

@ BETTER WORLD
P.O. BOX 1834
ALBANY, NY 12210-1834
(Current Issue:#1)
Published by @ group of same name. Clippings, artwork, fliers on @, quotes.

ALAI
CASILLA 17-03-596
PASAJE SAN LUIS, 104
EDIFICIO RECALDE,
OFICINA 304
QUITO, ECUADOR
(Current Issue:May 1991)
South American Libertarian magazine. In Spanish.

ARM THE SPIRIT
c/o WILD SEED PRESS
P.O. BOX 57584
JACKSON STA.
HAMILTON, ONT.
L8P 4X3 CANADA
(Current Issue:#9)
Autonomist bulletin, covering armed resistance by all groups of the left variety.

ARTEST
1876 GARDEN DR.
VANCOUVER, BC
V5N 4W7 CANADA
(604) 254-9306
(Current Issue:#5)
A youth zine dedicated to art for social change. Poetry, art, articles and much more

ATE BALL JUSTICE
P.O. BOX 461
KINGSTON, ONT
K7L 4W5 CANADA
(Current Issue:#5)
Published by Kingston AYF. Articles, debates, columns, local updates, events listings

BAYOU LA ROSE
c/o WESLEY EVEREST
EDUC. PROJ.
302 N "J" ST, #3
TACOMA, WA 98403
(Current Issue:#36)
Anarchist class struggle mag with strong coverage of native, labor, prisoners and wimmin's struggles.

BRICK
c/o B. CARPENTER
P.O. BOX 1153
RUSSELVILLE, AL 35653
(Current Issue:#7)
Anarchist Direct-Action Bulletin. Strong coverage of southern US @ community, and short news articles

THE CATCH!
c/o JON GEORGE
ROUTE 1
REDWING, MN 55066
(Current Issue:#2)
Journal of the Goof Liberation Front. Funny articles, and proposals for world revolution

CLASS STRUGGLE DEFENSE NOTES
P.O. BOX 99
CANAL ST. STA.
NEW YORK, NY 10013
(Current Issue:#15)
Published by PARTISAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE, a revolutionary prisoners support group (also linked to trotskyist SPARTACIST LEAGUE). Good coverage of New Afrikan prisoners.

COMMUNITY CHARGE
P.O. BOX 57069
JACKSON STA.
HAMILTON, ONT.
L8P 4W9 CANADA
(Current Issue:#9)
A collection of clippings on different topics, all relevant to anarch-struggle.

EAST EUROPEAN NEWS
339 LAFAYETTE ST.
RM 202
NEW YORK, NY 10012
(Current Issue:#3)
Publication of Workers Solidarity Alliance-East European Working Group. Coverage of Anarchist movements in the Eastern Block.

E-BULLETIN '91
666 BROADWAY, 9TH FLR.
NEW YORK, NY 10012
(Current Issue:#15)
Local bulletin representing several ecologist groups. List of upcoming events in tri-state area, and updates on local events.

EL PERRO ROJO
c/o DM
AA 56385
BOGOTA 2DE
COLOMBIA
(Current Issue:#3)
Red skin/Communist skin zine. Lots of poetry, articles and cool graphics. In Spanish.

FREE SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 7293
MPLS, MN 55407
(Current Issue:#1)
Journal of the Youth Greens, an anarcho-ecologist group. Articles, analysis, etc. + autonomous wimmin's supplement.

IMPULSE
c/o JON GEORGE
ROUTE 1
RED WING, MN 55066
(Current Issue:#7)
A Wisconsin anarchist journal. Lots of articles, opinions, shoddy layouts, etc.

INVERTED A-HORN
401 FORREST HILL LANE
GRAND PRAIRIE, TX 75051
(Current Issue:#9)
Anarchist journal of personals thoughts from two editors, plus poetry and letters.

LIFE DURING WARTIME
c/o RICH HUTCHINSON
59 E. VAN BUREN #1400
CHICAGO, IL 60605-1218
(Current Issue:#5)
Published by American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker anti-militarist organization. This mag focuses on the secret government, and government corruption.

OFFICER FRIENDLY
P.O. BOX 471631
CHARLOTTE, NC
28247-1631
(Current Issue:#1)
Published by PVL/AYF Charlotte. Punk zine with interviews, short articles and columns.

PANSY
P.O. BOX 265
AVERILL PARK, NY 12018
(Current Issue:#1)
Punk-hardcore zine. Interviews, photos, columns, articles.

THE PARTY'S OVER
P.O. BOX 366
WILLIAMSTOWN, MA 01267
(Current Issue:#5)
Published by Autonome Forum. Coverage of autonomist /militant struggles worldwide. Mostly newspaper clippings.

PROFANE EXISTENCE
P.O. BOX 8722
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55408
(Current Issue:11/12)
Zine covering the international anarchist-punk scene. Interviews, reviews, letters, articles, news section. Always excellent.

RAW/IDEA
c/o N. PENALOSAX
435 W. DELAVAN
BUFFALO, NY 14213
(Current Issue:#2)
Anarchist mag with chaotic layouts and strong focus on AIDS activism.

RESISTANCE
P.O. BOX 2881
VANCOUVER, BC
V6B 3X4 CANADA
(Current Issue:#15)
An autonomist and anti-imperialist magazine. Covers armed resistance, and how it applies to the revolutionary struggle.

SOULLESS STRUCTURES
c/o MIKE McLELLAN
PENDLETON, SC 29670
(Current Issue:#5)
Punk zine with lots of articles, band interviews, reviews, personal opinions, & debates.

TURNING THE TIDE
P.O. BOX 1990
BURBANK, CA 91507
(Current Issue:#5, V.4)
Bulletin of People Against Racist Terror. Articles on anti-racist organizing, letters, and updates on neo-Nazi activity.

WIND CHILL FACTOR
P.O. BOX 81961
CHICAGO, IL 60681
(Current Issue:#3)
Chicago collectively produced anarchist journal. Tons of letters, articles, poetry, all excellent and of a radical nature.

LIST COMPILED BY NY-AYF IN 1/92

# AFFILIATE LIST AS OF MID-JANUARY 1992

Keeping track of local groups that consider themselves AYF is like paying bills. I keep thinking I've got somewhere and am ahead, when new things seem to pop up. There seems to be a new AYF group every month. A lot of these groups last only a very short time, and don't do a whole lot but they're better than nothing. But I urge people to send in updates on what's going on, if they're still together, if their dog had puppies, etc. It makes the job a lot easier than trying to be Geraldo Rivera, and spending all my times investigating rumors and here say.

## GET AFFILIATED OR GET SCREWED!

There's groups out there who consider themselves AYF, and yet are not listed. They're missing out on this cool discussion bulletin, the AYF page, fliers and much more. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY GROUPS NOT LISTED BELOW, send us their address (or tell them to write). Our network is suffering from disorganization, so let's get it together!

A.A.N.
SUITE 147
3325 LORNA RD. #2
P.O. BOX 360999
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35236

AUTONOME FORUM
P.O. BOX 366
WILLIAMSTOWN, MA 01267

AYF-MINNEAPOLIS
P.O. BOX 8585
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55408

C.A.N.
P.O. BOX 38548
BALTIMORE, MD 21231

C.A.A.C.
P.O. BOX 19589
CINCINNATI, OH 45219

D.A.C.
P.O. BOX 3316
DAYTON, OH 45401

DENVER AREA AYF
P.O. BOX 4295
HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80126

EUGENE AYF
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EUGENE, OR 97446

IMPULSE
c/o JON GEORGE
ROUTE 1
REDWING, MN 55066

LIBERATE THE OBSESSED
c/o CRAIG
609 SUMMIT ST.
BELLE FOURCHE, SD 57717

NEW ENGLAND @ FRONT
P.O. BOX 1183
WEBSTER, MA 01570

NY-AYF
P.O. BOX 365
CANAL ST. STATION
NYC, NY 100113-0365

O.C.A.M.
P.O. BOX 1273
CYPRESS, CA 90630

PANSY zine/ALBANY AYF
c/o IAN
BOX 1833
735 ANDERSON HILL RD.
S.U.N.Y.
PURCHASE, NY 10577-1400
(Temporary Address)

P.V.L. c/o BRIAN
P.O. BOX 471631
CHARLOTTE, NC 28247-1631

RAW/IDEA zine
c/o N. PENALOSAX
435 W. DELAVAN
BUFFALO, NY 14213

SAN DIEGO A.F.
P.O. BOX 179218
SAN DIEGO, CA 92177

SOUTH FLORIDA AYF
P.O. BOX 45-2001
MIAMI, FL 33245

UNITED ANARCHIST FRONT
P.O. BOX 1115
WHITTIER, CA 90609

XAA
P.O. BOX 35252
TUCSON, AZ 85704

YANKEE AYF
(in state of flux, more news soon)

AYF KINGSTON
P.O. BOX 461
KINGSTON, ONT.
K7L 4W5 CANADA

AYF OTTAWA
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OTTAWA, ONTARIO
K1S 5B4 CANADA

WCFF
c/o FRIENDS OF DURRUTI
P.O. BOX 790, STN. A
VANCOUVER, BC
V6C 2N6 CANADA

A.R.N.
c/o BOOMTOWN BOOKS
167 KING ST.
ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND
G. BRITAIN

AYF-MIDDLESBROUGH
P.O. BOX 23
MIDDLESBROUGH
CLEVELAND
TS1 4YZ ENGLAND, UK

(SINCE THIS LIST WAS COMPILED, INTEREST IN NEW A.Y.F. GROUPS HAS COME FROM MISSOURI, PENNESYLVANIA AND DALLAS TEXAS. THIS WILL ALL BE WORKED OUT BY THE NEXT BULLETIN)